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From the President

Well, it is hard to believe, but it's that time again—Spring White Cap is here. This is the first time you hear from CHSN Association for the new millennium, year 2000. This should be a very exciting year for the alumni since it is also Homecoming 2000. So, mark your calendars now and start making preparations to attend. The new board and homecoming volunteers have been very busy trying to make this year the best homecoming ever.

I heard that I missed a really nice time and great food at the January Luncheon held at Andrea's Restaurant. I am sorry I could not visit with you. This is the first event I have missed in almost 10 years (I'm always ready for good food and great friends.). I would like to personally thank Betty Hebert, past president, for presiding over the luncheon meeting. Yes, I owe her **big**. And as usual, she did such a fantastic job that it will be hard to fill her shoes once again.

Thanks a million to all the out-going alumni board. They did a fantastic job for 1999. Again, I would like to tell RoseJeanne Buccola how much we miss her as the Executive Director. She has worked hard over the years to help the Alumni blast into the millennium. The new board members are hard at work making sure that we keep moving forward. You're doing a good job. Keep up the good work. Suzy Andry has been super trying to keep up the treasurer's job as well as the executive director's duties. She really is giving it her all—super job Suzy! Many non-board alumni members have been pitching in to help Suzy. Thanks so much to each of them. We could not make it without their dedication.

Sally Cooper deserves a hand. She volunteered to fill in as board member for Fran Dixon who has been ill and she deserves the credit for getting this White Cap into print. She has worked with Mary Strausser (from Charity AV Department), who has also been ill this year, to produce a White Cap that lives up to the Charity standards!

Well, because of the great Charity spirit, I could go on thanking graduates for many pages worth, but I have to stop somewhere. So, thanks to everyone for their loyalty and support. Keep the Charity spirit alive and come join us at the June Breakfast meeting on June 10, 2000. Hope to see you there. Hail Alma Mater!

Joycelyn Jeansonne, '78

Breakfast Registration and Homecoming Response Forms

At the end of April, you were mailed the Breakfast Registration and the Homecoming Response Form. We encourage that you fill out both forms and return them to the Alumni office immediately, so that you will be included in this year's fantastic alumni events. The Breakfast Registration is due to the Alumni office **no later than June 5, 2000**, and we ask that you return the Homecoming Response Form at the same time. Thank you for your responses



Location, Location, Location!

Wyndam New Orleans at Canal Place is the setting for our June 10th breakfast, beginning with a cash bar at 9:00 a.m. with breakfast being served at 10:30 a.m. This hotel is a great setting because it is surrounded by the French Quarter, Harrah's Casino, the river, the Aquarium, and the stores at Canal Place. There is a very nice bar just off the lobby for you ladies and gentlemen who wish to continue the party after breakfast. Mark your calendars, call friends, and have a great day downtown on June 10, 2000, for the Charity Alumni Breakfast.

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WHAT WE HEAR FROM YOU...

Everyone loves this section of the White Cap. Please keep the letters and news coming. Here is a summary of some of the correspondence received lately :

Class of 1931 - Bernadette Ernst Rennison wrote a lovely letter - in a beautiful hand - to let us know that she is now living in California. She celebrated her **90th** birthday in November. She notes that she worked at the old Charity Hospital for 39 years, and also at the "new" hospital when it was built. She would love to hear from anyone in her class or thereabouts. Her address is: 3501 Cedar Avenue, #257, Long Beach, CA 90807.

Class of 1934 - Thanks to **Juliette Lafond Kaufman** for sending an article from The Town Talk, Alexandria, LA, about nurses serving during wartime. Featured prominently in the article is **Mary Alice Basco McKinney**, her classmate from the class of 1934. Mrs. McKinney served in the military Nurse Corps throughout WWII, in Northern Africa and in Italy. Mrs. McKinney recalls: "We either got them well and sent them back to the front lines, sent them to a long-term hospital, or back home...The most important thing when dealing with a soldier is always tell them the truth. They can sense if you are telling them something else." (Probably good advice in any field, I'm guessing.) Juliette also sent a donation to the White Cap fund, in memory/honor or Eva LeBlanc Smith, Thelma Ligon Durkin and Mary Grace Penn Clark White, all of the class of '34.

Class of 1935 - Marguerite Caffarel Saurage sends greetings and regrets that she would be unable to attend the luncheon. She writes that her husband, Walter, passed away in March, 1997. Marguerite and Walter were married for 62 years!

Class of 1942 - Julia Bilbo Houston writes from Alabama that she very much regrets being unable to attend the luncheon. Julia proudly relates that one of her daughters is also an RN and was an honor graduate from Mobile College. Her other daughter, Mary Lou, lives in New York and is a wardrobe director for Broadway shows.

Class of 1944 - Louise Cowart Stolmeier wrote to assert "braggin' rights" about her granddaughter, Julia Scott Carey. Julia composed a symphony, "The Snow Queen", which was performed by the Boston Pops Orchestra at a Christmas performance! Julia is 13 years old! The performance was due to be broadcast on the A & E TV network.

Class of 1945 - Gloria A. Asprion is in El Paso, TX. She would love any information about her former roommate, **Dorothy Ledbetter Moore**, who was living in California. If anyone has news of Dorothy, please write Gloria at: 10434 Tomwood, El Paso, TX, 79925. Gloria retired from nursing after 20 years (public health and home health) and had a second career, for 17 years, as field coordinator for the El Paso Retired Senior Volunteer Program. In 1985, she received an A.A. degree in Human Service/Aging, and also served as senior intern for Congressman Ronal Coleman of El Paso. Gloria has been busy! And at 77 years young, she still is - at present, she volunteers for Hospice of El Paso and facilitates a bilingual support group for Alzheimer's.

Class of 1947 - Dorothy Paul Kirkpatrick wrote to thank RoseJeanne for her service to the Alumni Association, and to send a copy of an article from the Lake Charles American Press newspaper about the Cadet Nurse Corps education at CHSN. She and classmates **Ruth Hinchee, Genevieve "Dutch" King, Ruby Teddlie and Peggy Yelvington** gathered to reminisce about their days at CHSN for the article. They recalled the 12-hour days of work and being homesick and having to make difficult adjustments to Big Charity. The war ended before their graduation, so they did not go overseas but rather, they went to work to shore up stateside hospitals at a time when many nurses were already off with the military. Ruby worked in the OR at Lake

Charles Memorial for 23 years. Ruth retired 4 years ago, after teaching nursing at McNeese. Dottie also writes that another classmate, Gail Boudreax Solanas, is seeking a '47 class picture. If anyone has one, please send it to the Alumni office at the School of Nursing - the school does not have one, either.

Class of 1949 - Forty-three members (and several spouses) came "home" to celebrate their Golden Anniversary. It was a great weekend full of activities, good eating, and reminiscing! At the Alumni breakfast **Claire Brackman Keane** presented the Miller-Keane Encyclopedia for "Medicine Nursing & Allied Health", which she co-authored, to the School of Nursing. Everyone had such a good time that many are planning to come in October for Homecoming. A special note from Rose Jeanne: Once she knows who plans to return, she will try to arrange a special gathering and evening of comraderi. She said she will be contacting her class before Homecoming!



Class of 1949 at the June Breakfast

Class of 1960 - Joanne Bushey wrote to tell us that although she was listed in the Spring White Cap as "address unknown", she has known where she was the whole time. Joanne lives in Clearwater, FL, and has worked at the same hospital for 39 years!

Class of 1961 - Judy Addy Danos has been a travel nurse for 5 years (labor & delivery) and has worked from Maine to Washington state. Judy now makes New Hampshire her home base.

Class of 1970 - Cynthia Keller Boliard Olstrom tells us that she is living in Tampa, FL at 3515 Nakora Dr., 33618. She is working for Blue Cross. She is very interested in a class reunion- please write her if there are any plans.

Class of 1971: Charlotte Coatney Arras recently earned a Master's degree in Healthcare Administration, from St. Francis College. Charlotte is currently serving on the CHSN Alumni Association board. **Chris Hurley Carbon** recently visited N.O. and plans on attending the Homecoming in October. Chris is in real estate! **JoAnn Rizzuto**, now a pediatric ER nurse, visited her mom recently in Baton Rouge and visited Charlotte Arras. JoAnn also plans to attend Homecoming in October.

Class of 1947 & 1972: A very nice newspaper article in January featured "3 generations of nurses" - **Josephine Freeman Frichter, '47**; her daughter, **Jo Ann Frichter Gaudet, '72**, and Jo Ann's daughter, Gwen, who graduated from Holy Cross College 27 years after her mother graduated from Charity.

Class of 1980 - Claudette Boudreaux lives in Seattle, WA and plays the accordion & sings in the Pacific Northwest's first and only all-women Cajun dance band! Called Les Femmes, the band plays Cajun and Zydeco music in the traditional style of southern Louisiana. Claudette is originally from Dulac, LA.

Class of 1986 - Sister Cecelia Gros wrote in December from Ghana, West Africa: Although Christmas is approaching and their artificial Christmas tree is up, the weather is very hot and humid. Many patients are coming to the health clinic, even though it is holiday time. Sr. Cecelia notes that her clinic has recently begun to test patients for HIV, although it is difficult to get patients to consent to the testing because they are afraid and/or do not understand the threat of HIV. Sr. C. remarks on how grateful she is for her education at Charity. Her Honor Pin Award is framed and hanging on her wall in the clinic! Sr. Cecelia would love to get mail from alumni. Her address is: P.O. Box 491, Nsawam, Ghana, West Africa. (Of course, contributions are also always welcome!)

Class of 1988 - Denise Petit was recently named as director of The River Parishes Occupational Medicine Center, in LaPlace. Prior to that, Denise served as ER nurse at E. Jefferson Gen. Hospital and at Chabert Medical Center in Houma. Denise lives in Marrero, LA with her husband & son.



The following classes are due for reunions this year. The classes listed below are planning their gathering for October 6 - 8 Homecoming.

1940 – Would someone PLEASE volunteer to get your class together and call the office for an updated address list.

1950 - There were three classes that graduated in 1950. To date, two graduates have address lists in hopes of gathering in October. If you are interested in coming and have not heard from them, please let them know: Joy Weber Gregersen, 45369 Pine Brooke Drive, Hammond LA 70401-8533 or Lorraine Landry Shaheen, 108 Crescent Place, Donaldsonville, LA 70346. With as many graduates in 1950, your group should be well represented!

1960 – If you've heard from Doris Tucker Burvant or Lillian A. Samardzija, they're coordinating your reunion. Doris's address is 400 Moonraker Drive, Slidell, LA 70458.

1975 – THIS IS YOUR SILVER ANNIVERSARY! There were 137 of you- WHERE ARE YOU! Someone call home!



We were happy to see three graduates receive their Silver Certificates! Class of 1974: Diana Fontenot Roy, R.N., Diane Landry Meaux, R.N. and Fay Dodgen Stevenson, R.N.

Homecoming for Class of 1959



Doris Burvant, Joycelyn Jeanson, Bobbie Bartee, Rose Jeanne Buccola, and Ursula Allain havin fun with the scrapbook.



Letter from the Executive Director

Rose Jeanne Buccola has turned in the jot sheet, and I am now on duty in the alumni office. With the help of Doris Burvant, the services will continue in the way Rose Jeanne has performed them during her ten years as our director. I am in the office with a telephone, answering machine, a facsimile (fax) machine, stamps, and some time on my hands, just waiting to hear from you guys and gals. I encourage you to send a letter with news about you or other graduates, or just call or write to share your ideas on how to improve the *White Cap*. I look forward to hearing from all of you.

Gayle Barrau, Dean of the Nursing School, told us at the January luncheon that LSU has taken over the Nursing Home. Gayle asked for a piece of the marble from the Home, and she wants to have it engraved with the names of the directors of the school. Once engraved, it will hang in the lobby of the school. This is one of those projects that you can send money to fund. The engraving should cost \$ 800.00 to \$900.00. It would not hurt our feelings if one of you paid for the whole thing! I am sure that Gayle would like you best. If you are interested in supporting this Charity endeavor, send your check to the Alumni office.

For our next alumni meeting, we have scheduled the breakfast on June 10, 2000, for 10:00 a.m. at the Wyndam New Orleans in Canal Place. We will have early registration and cash bar beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Homecoming is October 6, 2000, through October 8, 2000. I am looking for at least one agent in each graduating class to assist in planning their anniversary parties. For example, this year, the Class of 1975 will be celebrating their 25th year as Charity graduates.

I admit that I was one of the many Charity graduates who finished school and walked away. I did have a better excuse than most, that is, three of my classmates stayed to run the school. I will name them next year in the *White Cap*. My time at Charity offered me an opportunity for a good life. Today, it still offers our students that same opportunity.

This is my first letter to more than seven thousand eight hundred (7800) of you. Now it is your turn to write and/or call me. I cannot wait to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Suzy Hooks Andry, '59

Take Up the Torch

When I graduated from Charity with an Associate Degree a couple of years ago, I joined the Alumni Association. I paid my five dollars - small enough price - thinking it would be good to get a newsletter occasionally and keep track of what's going on at the school. As I gradually became a little more involved in the Association, I've come to appreciate the true benefit of membership. It is being welcomed into a group of truly extraordinary women.

I can't begin to tell how enriching it has been for me to meet the other graduates of Charity, and to talk with them about the Charity they knew and loved - as I loved my more recent days at Charity.

It is thrilling to meet someone who graduated from Charity before I was even born, and to hear stories of her days there: the dorm, the classes, the hospital itself. I try to imagine how her life must have been: young and single, away from home for the first time in a world where women had few options for professions. How different her challenges must have been from mine: I came to nursing as a second career, I was married, nearly 40 years old. Yet I think I know how she must have felt at times: exhausted, overwhelmed, inadequate, strong, determined, triumphant. For her, Charity was the launching pad into a rich and fascinating life. For me, it was a place to reconsider and redefine a life half spent. We share a strange tie across the years and perspectives that separate us. Somehow, though we started at very different places, we each became the person we are today at Charity.

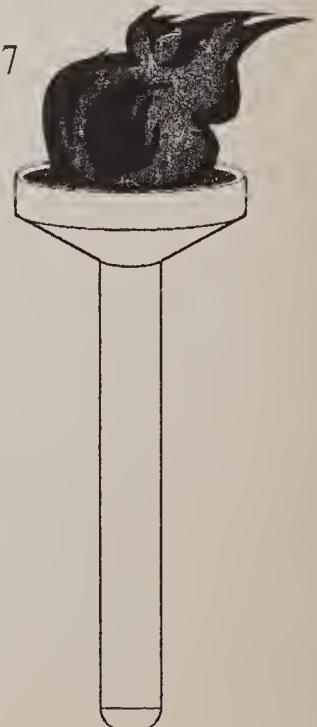
I have always felt extremely proud to be a Charity student, and then a Charity graduate. That feeling has deepened and intensified as I have come to grasp the complexity of what it means to be a Charity alumna. It is to be a single thread woven into a great and beautiful tapestry.

The world has changed, and so has Charity. The school, finally, is like a living thing that must change, grow, adapt to survive. Yet traditions established long ago live on, creating a vital connection between the experiences of the graduates throughout the years. The alumni who has maintained their commitment to this school carry the spirit of Charity like the Nightingale lamp. They hold it out

to us as an offering, and an invitation. "This is for you to carry on."

To all my fellow AD graduates - women and men - I want to say, join us. Really join. Yes, pay your five dollars at the very least. But make some time to attend an alumni function. Meet your fellow alumni: the recent and the time-honored. It is for us now to maintain the traditions, and to start our own. It is for us now to take up the torch. We are a part of something extraordinary. It is for us to carry on.

Lista Hank '97



Request for Unknown Addresses

1990

Priscilla Cull
Steven Egle
Jeanette Watkins Kissee

1980

Veronica Anderson
Michael Authement
Cynthia Baudouin
Mary Hebert Bowman
Ann Wingerter Delo
Mary Cresson Enger
Ruth Graves
Victoria Chaplain Love
Suzanne Machado
Cecelia Marcentel
Michael Luques
Shirley Turpin

1975

Barbara Albritton Beckerman
Joy Peterson Faddis
Maureen Gray Guevara
Karen Pecka Karagat
Debora Koppi
Guen Berry Lowe
Venus Hall Moore
Jane Spratley Odenheimer
Berniece Savell Smythe
Karen Doyle Woolie

1970

Penelope Attaway
Linda Ayers
Carolyn Bartsch
Donnie Carnette
Alice Grordon Facey
Bonnie Hensley
Annie Lofton
Peggy Palmer
Bernadette Pervot
Leona Richard
Katherine Schultz
Barbara Toombs Vanrhee

1960

Bernadine McNulty Bartlette
Onia Bordelon
Lorraine Maillet Couvillon
Doris Ann Cross
Patsy Gambrell
Emma Dean Morgan
Joyce Simoneaux Oubre
Katherine Mary Persola
Margaret Veronica Pike
Clara Fortenberry Saucier
Jacqueline Ann Tarrant

An "Au Revoir" from Rose Jeanne

For those of you who did not receive the Fall Newsletter, I resigned the Executive Directorship effective December 31, 1999. It was with very mixed emotions, as I truly enjoyed my tenure with the Alumni. I plan to remain active and will continue to help with the Scrapbook, which is always a lot of fun. I think you will be excited at Homecoming when you see the ongoing project. We always need volunteers to help identify graduates so please join us when you can. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at Homecoming. Suzy Andry and Doris Burvant have agreed to coordinate and organize the Alumni work and keep you updated with Alumni news. The transition period, and the computer mastering will be the most challenging tasks. So we all wish them the very best!

Scholarship News!

CSN Dean Gayle Barrau has announced a new \$1000 scholarship, given by the Medical Center of Louisiana, New Orleans. The scholarship is in honor of the Daughters of Charity and is available for graduates who are continuing their formal education in nursing. One award will be made yearly. Criteria for the scholarship include: Charity GPA of at least 2.8 at time of graduation; submission of transcripts (unofficial or student copy acceptable); verification of acceptance or enrollment in a college or university (or other evidence of firm commitment to continue education in nursing.)

To apply, a narrative application must be submitted: typed, double-spaced, no more than 4 pages, identifying goals, beliefs about nursing, plans for continuing education. Applications must be received between February 1 and March 1 of each year, submitted to: Charity School of Nursing, Office of Dean, Daughters of Charity Scholarship, 450 S. Claiborne Ave., New Orleans, LA 70112. Think about it and begin making plans. Write for additional information, if desired.

Interested graduates should contact the Financial Aid office at Charity School of Nursing for information on criteria and the application process. The phone number is 568-6477.

From the Dean: We Need your Help!

Recently, one of our faculty members sat with a relative who was in the hospital. As she watched the nurses come and go, she noted that only one nurse checked the ID band before giving the IV meds. That nurse was a Charity grad. That grad did the right thing because she was taught why it was important to do so. She believed it and it was part of her desire to give good patient care.

We need you, our grads, to help us to recruit such dedicated men and women to help carry on the Charity tradition of excellence. There are ways that you can help.

- Encourage caring, dedicated and conscientious people to apply to our program. Information and applications are available by calling 568-6411.
- We are actively recruiting students. Would you like to join us when

we attend Career Days at high schools and shopping malls, or host open houses at the School of Nursing? If so, call Jeanette at 568-6481.

- We can leave an impression if we have give-a-ways at the Career Days. But - we need funds to purchase these. You can help by making a donation to the "School of Nursing Recruitment Fund." Mail to: Charity School of Nursing, c/o G. Barrau, Dean, 450 S. Claiborne Ave., New Orleans, LA 70112.

- Do you have any ideas that might be used by the Recruitment Committee? Write Jeanette, at above address, or call her at 568-6481.

The odds are that someday, you or a loved one will be a patient. Don't you want a nurse who will do the right things? Help us recruit the best to be Charity grads!

Thanks,
Gayle Barrau, Dean, CSN

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SNYDER, '51 E. STILLER, '63 A. SPRUCH, '74 D. ROY '76 L. FONTENOT, L. PIERCE, '85 DR. RODRIGUEZ, '93 M. YANCEY.

Make a Difference

Imagine the loss if there was no faculty to teach nursing students, or there was no "state of the art" equipment with which to instruct them. This situation could happen unless you take action to prevent it.

There are ways that you can help. You can establish an endowment fund in the name of yourself, a loved one, a classmate or an instructor, benefitting students pursuing a future in nursing. There are attractive tax benefits, too. Support a legacy that will make a difference.

Remember how valuable your instructor was when you gave your first injection? When you first drew blood? What about all those friendships you made while studying nursing? Your training provided you with the opportunity to have a better life for you and your family. Thanks to the Charity Hospital School of Nursing, now the Delgado/Charity School of Nursing, you fulfilled your dream. Now, help someone else fulfill theirs.

To learn how you can establish an endowment fund, call (504) 483-4118; fax (504) 483-1986; write to 501 City Park Avenue, New Orleans, LA. 70019; or email: nhutte@dcc.edu.

Very kindest regards,
Nita R. Hutter, Director of Development, Delgado Community College



A Heartfelt Thank You

In June of 1999, Mary Strasser was diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer. Mary has been working at Charity for years as a media specialist in the A-V center on the third floor. You may remember her as the yearbook advisor. She writes:

"I have no proper words to express my gratitude to the school of nursing. I have been overwhelmed by all the care and support that has been extended to me by faculty, staff and students. The December class of '99 created a generous fund which has helped with my numerous trips to M.D. Anderson Clinic in Houston. I have received delicious food, money from school organizations, gift certificates, cards, prayers, mass cards, phone calls, house visits, advice, as well as injections. Charity is an amazing place- truly, my second family. All this love and attention has kept my hopes high and my faith strong. From the bottom of my heart, all I can really say is, *thank you*. You are greatest."

In Memory of:

Year Graduated	Name	Died
1924	JoEstelle Smith Totten	12-16-99
1925	Pauline Hyver Yacich	12-03-99
1929	Roain Ruiz Taylor	04-27-99
1930	Della Rabalais Heausler	
1933	Gladys Gallien Johnson	02-22-00
1934	Pearl Simon Attenhofer	06-10-99
1936	Barbara A. Grass	04-27-99
1937	May Belle Caldwell Bullock	04-2-00
1937	Sister Rosalie Mooney	11-10-97
1937	Lillian Peters Jarrell	03-10-99
1939	Eva Compton Warner	03-24-99
1943	Myrtle Bourgeois Allen	05-26-99
1943	Nancy Cotham Light	1999
1945	Margie Little Smith	1999
1947	Fabiola Hollier	08-23-99
1947	Mary Beth Fischer Partlow	05-13-99
1950	Mildred Mount Abbott	
1950	Nancy Protti Forester	01-13-00
1950	Mary Millie Blackburn Latiolais	01-17-00
1953	Carol Foret Grannan	03-07-00
1969	Carole Batton Adamczyk	10-05-99
1972	Barbara Thompson Prest Baker	04-25-99
1986	Linda Gallo Berg	03-26-99

Homecoming 2000

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2000:

- * **Class Night:** We encourage all classes, particularly anniversary classes, to plan a dinner or reception.
- * **Boat Trip:** This event would be scheduled in the evening and would be planned by the alumni office if enough alumni are interested in participating.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2000:

- * **9:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.** - Registration at the School of Nursing with a Continental Breakfast being served.
(There will be a \$15.00 Registration Fee.)
- * **10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.** - Programs located in the Gymnasium that include guest speakers, video presentations, and hospital updates as well as tours of Charity School of Nursing.
- * **12:00 P.M. - 1:15 P.M.** - Lunch will be served.
- * **1:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.** - Bus tours of New Orleans, if enough alumni are interested in participating in this event.
- * **Saturday Evening** - Cocktail party.

NOTE: Registration fee includes continental breakfast, programs, and lunch served on Saturday, October 7, 2000.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2000:

- * **10:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.** - Brunch will be served at a local hotel, which will be announced at a later time. You are welcome to bring your family or friends.
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ALUMNI NEWS

Fall 2000

Charity School of Nursing, 450 South Claiborne Ave., New Orleans, LA 70112

Alumni Office 504-568-8038 Fax 504-568-5494

From the President

Hail, Alma Mater, Hail! I salute you!

Only paid members of CHSNAA

receive the Fall Newsletter AND have the privilege of electing the board members that will serve for the next two years. So please, take a moment NOW to find the enclosed ballot and cast your vote! The deadline for returning ballots is December 29, 2000.

Well, I had a GREAT time at Homecoming 2000! It was a HUGE success and a wonderful way to blast into the millennium. As usual, **the Charity torch was held high** and the spirit was exuberant. It was so exciting to visit with so many graduates - from 1925 to 2000! It was a very moving experience. The spirit of all Charity graduates could be felt, even of those unable to attend.

Thanks to all in attendance for helping make Homecoming 2000 such a memorable event. Approximately 330 alumni attended the school program on Saturday morning. On Saturday night, eighty-nine of us were dancing the two-step at Mulate's with a great Cajun band; and on Sunday, 189 alumni joined us for breakfast at the Fairmont. Pretty impressive!

We had hoped to be able to get 75 orders for the beautiful new Charity afghan - and we exceeded our goal with a total of 200 orders! If all goes as planned, your afghan should arrive at your door before Thanksgiving. One hundred and sixty-five videos of the school's history were ordered, and those will be mailed out soon. We made \$283 on the Charity Trained Nurse Doll raffle which was won by Cynthia Wagley.

At least 100 people expressed an interest in ordering Charity School of Nursing auto license plates. Therefore, we will pursue the license plates at the State Legislature meeting in March 2001. We will keep you posted on those developments, as well as on the possibility of the Mail Box Banks.



1978 grads Joycelyn Jeansonne and Elaine Schulz Navaille pose in front of the CHSN Afghan at Homecoming 2000.

Well, I could ramble on and on with my excitement, but space is limited and I have the biggest task of all left to complete. A BIG, HUGE THANK YOU to all of you who made Homecoming 2000 the best ever - from planning, through working the event, and cleaning up. These include board members, Homecoming Planning Committee members, alumni and student volunteers, faculty members, school staff members, guest speakers, etc., etc... Thanks for all the donations, time, and hard work. This was a BIG, BIG job that only the Best of the Best could make successful. So "CAPS" off to all of you!

For all of those who attended and had a great time (as I did): Raise high our voices - hail to Charity!

Until next time, keep her name the greatest name, spread her glory and her fame. Hail, Alma Mater!

Gratefully yours,

Joycelyn Jeansonne
President, CHSNAA

Greetings from the Executive Director

Well, Homecoming 2000 was a success!!! Hundreds of Charity graduates participated in the Homecoming programs, arriving early and staying late! On Saturday at the school we enjoyed a great program of speakers, a screening of the fabulous "History of Charity Hospital School of Nursing" video, a spectacular buffet lunch, an exciting silent auction, school tours, a caricature artist, the alumni bulletin board, and just plenty of socializing! Everyone had such a good time!

Thanks to Joycelyn Jeansonne for the great idea for a CHSN Afghan!! We pre-sold 200 afghans, and they will be shipped this month to those who placed orders on Homecoming weekend. If anyone else is interested in ordering an afghan, write and let us know. We need a minimum of 50 pre-paid orders to do another run, so we will start a list of interested folks. Afghans are \$45, including shipping.

The "History of Charity Hospital School of Nursing" videos were a sell-out. Because of the huge demand, they are currently on back-order, but we will get them shipped out as soon as possible. Thank you so much to Rick Crouse, the director of Charity's audio-visual department, for his wonderful work in producing such a beautiful and captivating program. It brought back memories for all of us and set the tone for our Homecoming celebration.

The Homecoming committee consisted of myself, Joycelyn Jeansonne, Sally Cooper, Doris Burvant, Marylou Medlin, Julia Schomaker, Ursula Allain, RoseJeanne Buccola, Roberta Bartee, Mary McMenamin, Lista Hank, Charlotte Arras, Cindy Caron, Mary Ellen Kothmann, and Dale Eppling. Thanks to the committee for making Homecoming 2000 the best ever! You are a fantastic group of people and it was a true pleasure to work with each and every one of you. Job well done, folks!!

Mark your calendars and reserve January 27, 2001. We have scheduled a luncheon at Andrea's Restaurant in Metairie for you. The reservation form is included in this mailing. Please fill it out and send it in to the Alumni office as soon as possible. Don't let it get shuffled under that stack of holiday to-do lists!! Andrea's offers an elegant dining atmosphere with gourmet dishes. Free, on-site parking is available!

Also included in this mailing is a member survey to get your thoughts on our membership dues. Please take a moment to give us your opinions.

Finally and most important, please complete the

enclosed ballot and return it before December 29, 2000. Select among our great slate of candidates. You are choosing your Alumni Association leaders for the next two years! Please vote!

I sure look forward to seeing everyone at the January luncheon. Until then, happy holidays and best wishes for the new year!

Yours very truly,

Suzanne Hooks Andry

Executive Director

Homecoming 2000 Souvenirs

Our souvenirs were incredibly popular this year, but we still have a few great items available from our Homecoming Souvenir Market. Great for holiday gifts! Order yours today!

Alumni Association Tote Bags \$10.00: Natural canvas bags trimmed in BLACK with BLACK handles. Flat-bottomed. 12" x 11" x 4.5", perfect size for carrying notebooks or files. Front pocket. Image of original Charity Trained Nurses pin with "Alumni Association" printed in BLACK.

Alumni Boat Bags \$20.00: Natural canvas bags trimmed in BLUE with BLUE handles. Larger than tote bag. Front pocket. Image of original Charity Trained Nurses pin with "Alumni Association" printed in BLUE. Quantities are limited!!!

Mouse Pads \$8.00: Beautiful photograph of CHSN pin printed onto a high-quality mouse pad for your computer. No computer? It's perfect for a trivet, or large coaster, or hang it on the wall!

Charity RN Polo Shirts \$18.00: High quality jersey knit polo shirts in white with caduceus and "Charity RN" embroidered in gold. Stunning! Quantities are limited!!!! Available sizes: Large (only 4 left) and XXL (only 1 left).

Please include an additional \$5.00 for shipping each item, and make checks payable to: CHSN Alumni Association.

Mail checks to: CHSN Alumni Association, 450 South Claiborne Ave, New Orleans, LA 70112. You are welcome to call the Alumni office to check availability of any item: 504-568-8038.

Charity Hospital School of Nursing Charity School of Nursing

Alumni Luncheon

Saturday, January 27, 2001

At Andrea's Restaurant

3100 19th Street, Metairie, LA (19th Street at Ridgelake) 504-834-8583

Cash Bar opens at 10:30am, Luncheon Served at 12 noon. Free parking on site.

Cost: \$25.00 per person

MENU

Cheese Ravioli Appetizer Green Garden Salad Bread & Butter Coffee & Ice Tea

Entree: Choice of Veal Marsala OR Fresh Catch of the Day Meunier

Dessert: Choice of Chocolate Mousse Cake OR Zuppa Inglesi

----- Cut here! Keep the top and post it on your refrigerator to remind you! -----

Charity Hospital School of Nursing & Charity School of Nursing

Alumni Luncheon

Deadline for reservations is January 22, 2001.

You may mail this order form along with your ballot, but in order to keep your vote private, please do not enclose in ballot envelope.

Please reserve for me:

HOW MANY?

CHOICE OF ENTREE

Veal Marsala OR

Fish Meunier

CHOICE OF DESSERT

Chocolate Mousse Cake OR

Zuppa Inglesi

HOW MANY?

Lunches @ \$25 each..... \$ _____

Dues: \$5 per year..... \$ _____

White Cap Fund..... \$ _____

Alumni Fund..... \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED..... \$ _____

Name _____

First name _____ Maiden/graduating name _____ Last name _____

Class of: _____ Spouse's Name: _____

First name or initials _____

Address: _____

Zip: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____

Guest Name: _____

For Name Tag

Make checks to and mail to:

CHSN Alumni Association

450 South Claiborne Ave, New Orleans, LA 70112-1310

Survey of Membership

The CHSN Alumni Association Board of Directors is interested in your input.
Please read over the information below, and let us know how you feel.

The Charity Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association is committed to providing a connection between the graduates of the school from its earliest days to the present. Our office keeps track of current addresses and information about alumni, and our mailings and events help keep graduates in touch with each other over the years and distances.

As the number of Charity graduates has grown, so has the size of our task. An Executive Director manages our office and our mailing list of close to 8,000 alumni, and our board and volunteers contribute plenty of time and energy to our efforts. But the rising costs of postage and printing greatly limit how often we can afford to communicate with so many graduates. In addition, although we are primarily a social organization, many alumni would like to see this organization do more to assist current and future Charity students with scholarships, educational equipment, and more.

The Board of Directors is considering the feasibility of raising the cost of membership dues. There are several options and we would like your input on them.

Thank you for your help!

Please circle how you feel about each idea.

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| 1. Raise the minimum membership dues level to \$10.00 per year. | Good idea | Bad idea | No opinion |
| 2. Raise the minimum membership dues level to \$10.00 per year,
AND provide higher voluntary membership levels for those that
want to give more. | Good idea | Bad idea | No opinion |
| 3. Keep the minimum membership level at \$5.00 per year, but
provide higher voluntary membership levels for those that want
to give more. | Good idea | Bad idea | No opinion |
| 4. Change nothing. | Good idea | Bad idea | No opinion |
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Please write out any additional comments you would like to make. We welcome your opinions and thoughts!

Charity Hospital School of Nursing & Charity School of Nursing
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

2001 BALLOT

DIRECTIONS: Circle the names of the candidates of your choice. Place the ballot in the small envelope marked "BALLOT." Seal the envelope and insert it in a larger mailing envelope addressed to CHSN Alumni Association. You may send your luncheon reservation and other materials in the same mailing envelope, but please enclose only this ballot inside the BALLOT envelope. This protects the privacy of your vote.

DEADLINE FOR VOTING: Ballots must be received on or before December 29, 2000, to be counted!

PRESIDENT
SUZY HOOKS ANDRY '59

TREASURER
URSULA ALLAIN '65

BOARD MEMBERS
(Vote for Two)

CHERYL CROUSE '78

JANE L. FANDRICH '80

ECOEE ROONEY '99

ROSE-MARY ALEXANDER WHITE '72

ESTHER T. WOOD '49

After making your selection, please place this ballot in the enclosed "BALLOT" envelope.
Mail your ballot to:

CHSN Alumni Association, 450 South Claiborne Ave, New Orleans, LA 70112

Candidates Biographical Data

CHERYL CROUSE

CLASS OF: 1978
EDUCATION INFO: BSN William Carey.
ORGANIZATIONS: President of Greater New Orleans Association of the American Society of Ophthalmology Registered Nurses.
PROFESSIONAL INFO: Works as a Clinical Administrator.

JANE L. FANDRICH

CLASS OF: 1980
EDUCATION INFO: BSN William Carey; CCRN.
ORGANIZATIONS: A.A.S.I.N., Member of local and national Rehabilitation Association.
PROFESSIONAL INFO: Admission Coordinator for Touro Rehabilitation Center.

ECOEE ROONEY

CLASS OF: 1999
EDUCATION INFO: ADN; BA in Communications.
Certified as a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner, TNCC, ACLS, PALS.
PROFESSIONAL INFO: Staff RN at Charity Hospital Emergency Department.
ORGANIZATIONS: Sustaining Member of National Student Nurses Association; Member ANA and ENA. Served as Presidential Consultant for Louisiana Association of Student Nurses 1999-2000. Served as member of SAC and on Class Board at Charity School of Nursing.

ROSE-MARY ALEXANDER WHITE

CLASS OF: 1972
EDUCATION INFO: MSN.
ORGANIZATIONS: ANA, LAMBA PI, ALPHA Nursing Honor Society.
PROFESSIONAL INFO: Medical Certification Specialist II.

ESTHER T. WOOD

CLASS OF: 1949
EDUCATION INFO: Diploma.
ORGANIZATIONS: LASN, ANA, NODNA.
PROFESSIONAL INFO: Past Administrator Plaquemines Parish Health Department; now retired.

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Charity Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association

WHITE CAP

Volume 33, Issue 1

Spring, 2001

Letter from the President

Hail Alma Mater Hail! I write to you on the cover of this White Cap for the last time in my four years as President of this great Alumni association! Where have all the years gone? It feels like just a short time ago that I was sitting in this same place for the first time trying to condense a year of accomplishments into one brief page. Well, bear with me this one last time...

Homecoming 2000 was a great success! I can't possibly thank everyone enough for all the long hours and all the struggles that transformed into one festive weekend. I would also like you to know that some alumni not only volunteered their time and talents, but also made monetary donations to upgrade our giveaways and brochures to professional status (since we belong to a wonderful profession) while keeping costs down for the members. We owe them our gratitude. Some souvenirs are still available at school. The second order of afghans should be in the mail to those who paid. The total ordered to date is 264. Pretty impressive!

The scrapbooks have come a long way (on volume #4). Those attending homecoming had the opportunity to peruse them while reminiscing. We still meet at school to continue this ongoing process, so join us when you can. See our calendar for the next date. If you'd like to be notified by mail when we are planning Scrapbook Workdays, call the Alumni Office at 568-8308 to get on the mailing list.

The Louisiana State License plate proposal will be presented to the legislature in March, but notification will not come until June. All signatures re-

quired from CHSNAA are in hand, awaiting notification.

The mailbox doors from the dormitory are still in the proposal phase of acquisition. We will keep you posted on any progress. Look inside for information regarding our Plaque Project using marble removed from the former residence hall.

After the White Cap mailing and June breakfast, the board has elected to conduct a membership drive mailing as the next project. We need to increase our paying membership in an effort to survive. We need your help with address changes and volunteer work. The board and volunteers do as much as possible to keep costs down. Suzy Andry served as Executive Director without taking any pay. Thanks to Suzy and all graduates who donate their time and money. Our caps go off to you!

In closing, I would like to thank the past board members and volunteers for all their hard work which made 2000 a productive year. Thanks to all graduates that have worked so hard to make my four years as President easier. Next year you will have a local President! Hope to see you in June. Hail to Charity!

Joycelyn Jeansonne

For Annual Breakfast Information, see page 9. Reservations form on back cover.

We are looking forward to seeing ALL of you there.

Take some time to get reacquainted with old friends, and meet new ones.



Letter from Interim Director Of the School of Nursing

Spring! Last July when I took on the responsibilities of the Interim Director, April seemed unbelievably far away! It has been quite an eventful nine months.

The school's most exciting news is that our accreditation self-study and visit were resounding successes! While we must wait until summer for the official results, Dr. Elienne Tate of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing recommended full program approval, and the two National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission visitors are recommending the maximum eight years of accreditation with no recommendations.

Charity graduates have such great pride in their school. You would have been so proud of the Charity spirit exhibited by the students, faculty and staff who worked long and hard to present Charity at its best. Additionally, twelve graduates met and impressed the visitors.

The College backed the school in many ways-time, money, increased maintenance, administrators and general education faculty whose enthusiasm and pride in the college and Nursing School were evident.

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I couldn't end without thanking two CHSN alumni. Sally Cooper spent part of Thanksgiving 2000 reading the self-study draft with red pen in hand. She helped me tighten the study and write more concisely to each criterion. Doris Burvant critiqued the self-study and used her red pen to rid it of abbreviations-don't ever write lab instead of laboratory in a letter to Doris! In addition, she spent days reviewing all faculty and staff files and placing documents in order. One of the visitors checked more than 20 files; all were complete!

We are now descending from Cloud Nine and are back to work helping CSN students to be the best. The nursing school dean's position has been advertised with the goal to fill it by July 1, 2001. Thank you for your continued caring and support of the nursing school.

Patricia Egers
Interim Director/Assistant Dean,
Academic Affairs
CSN, DCC

Thanks to all who worked so diligently to help the school receive an eight year accreditation from N.L.N.A.

Calling the Classes of 1980 ~ 1989

Where ARE you?

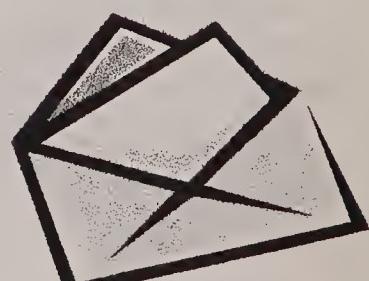
We have lost touch with many alumni from the 80s. We miss you at the meetings, and we miss knowing about you.

At the last meeting, one alumna from 1980 represented the entire decade!

Let us hear from you.

It's your time to come back to the Alumni Association and share in the good times.

Contact us at
450 S. Claiborne
Avenue,
New Orleans, LA
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Letter from the Executive Director

Thank you for appointing me to the Executive Director's position. There is no way that I can fill the shoes of RoseJeanne and Suzy. I have learned this past year in assisting with the Homecoming that this job is not a one man job. It sounds like I am already making excuses. It takes all those who were elected to the board. I am looking forward to working for you and this board.

I plan on being in the office on Mondays and Thursdays. I am going to try this schedule and see if it meets the needs.

Please call me at 504-568-8038 and leave your message. I will return your call as soon as I can.

The souvenirs and afghans that were ordered have been mailed. We still have tote bags and mouse pads to sell. If you did not receive your order please let me know.

Presidents of classes...when you were elected I reminded you that part of your responsibility was to plan your class reunion... remember??

If you need a class list let me know. Your classmates are depending on you. I hope the following classes are planning their reunions; 1941, 1951, 1961, 1971, 1976, 1981, and 1991.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Breakfast.

Doris Burvant,

Executive Director



Remember to keep us informed of address changes so we can keep you informed of Alumni Happenings

Proposed bylaws change regarding membership fees

Whereas, the current annual membership dues of five dollars per member have become increasingly inadequate to cover the operating costs of the organization; and

Whereas, the annual cost of printing and mailing the White Cap and Alumni Newsletter exceeds the annual revenue represented by both current paid memberships and donations to the White Cap Fund; and

Whereas, increasing the annual membership dues would allow the Association to communicate more often with the membership, and promote professional development and fellowship among the Alumni; and

Whereas, 64% of the current paid membership believes that increasing the annual membership dues is acceptable; and

Whereas, 67% of the current paid membership believes that multiple membership levels should be offered for those who wish to give more; and

Whereas, only 3% of the current paid membership believes that the annual membership fee should NOT be increased; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Charity Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association proposes the following change to the By-Laws:

ARTICLE I, SECTION 1:

The current by-law reads: The annual membership dues of \$5.00 shall be paid to the treasurer by January 31st of each year and shall cover the calendar year.

The proposed change would read: The annual membership dues shall be \$15.00. Dues shall be paid to the treasurer, and shall cover the calendar year.

The proposed by-law change will be voted on at the June 9, 2001, Annual Breakfast Meeting by the paid members in attendance (per Article IX, Section 1 of the By-Laws).

Photo Highlights from Recent Happenings



Leona Ginn at the Spring Luncheon



Lucille Barry, Charlotte Coatney Arras, Lorreto Sitton, Louise Foret Datile (L to R) enjoy camaraderie and good times at the Spring Luncheon



Barbara Phillips, Bonnie Fontenot Kalium, and Lucille Barry (L to R) admire Bonnie's door prize at the Spring Luncheon



This caricature depicts the youngest alumnus, Derrick Lacombe (2000), with the oldest alumna, Edith Daigle Dantagnan (1925) who were both at the October Homecoming



Ecoee Rooney, newly elected Board Member, sells souveniers at the Spring Luncheon



Carolyn Krieger, Shirley Fornet Bily, Lucille Capo Castine, Gail Himel Frieman, and Joan MacPherson Guccione (L to R) at the Spring Lunch

In Memoriam

In memory of the following alumni:

Roan Enola Ruiz Taylor, Class of 1929 died April, 27, 1999

Monica Gilchrist Magee, Class of 1974 died November 1, 2000

Ethelyn Davis Delery, Class of 1940 died October 1, 2000

Theresa Gough Harrell, Class of 1947 died October 3, 2000

Savannah Crouchet Martin, Class of 1945 died July 22, 1998

Eloise Harbin Schneider, Class of 1948

Janice Davison Millard, Class of 1948

Ella Harriet Jenkins Larsen Ehrhart, Class of 1932 died October 17, 2000

Marilyn Davis Howell, Class of 1950

Agnes Thibodeaux Roy, Class of 1950

Marie Stonaker La Palme, Class of 1950

Annice S. Matthews, Class of 1936, died October 17, 2000

Elizabeth Mason Mussnag, Class of 1950

Virginia Gibson Serpas, Class of 1952, died September 23, 2000

Anne Blanchard Miller, Class of 1955, died May 28, 2000

Lilly Broussard Bonnet, Class of 1950, died in 1980

Frank J. Tucker, Class of 1992, died on May 5, 2000

Gloria Gernhauser, honorary member, died February 28, 2001

Estella Sias Hill Hoxie, Class of 1945, died in 1997

The Memory of Vesta Alford Giddings will be honored with a memorial fund at Charity School of Nursing. She graduated on May 4, 1927. The intent of the fund is to purchase a writing desk and chair to be located in the nursing library.

Checks should be made out to Charity School of Nursing-Vesta Giddings Memorial Fund and mailed to:

*Charity School of Nursing
450 South Claiborne Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70112.*

Thank you for your support and remembrance of Vesta Giddings.

White Cap Financial Report

January 1, 2000	Balance \$1,588.99
1999 Contributions	\$4,982.13
2000 Contributions	\$5,683.00
2000 Interest	\$24.10
Total:	\$12,278.13
Expenses	
Additional 1999	\$383.66
2000	\$11,265.79
Additional contributions since 1/1/01	\$1,266
Balance	\$1,924.68

Projected Budget

January 1, 2001 checking account balance \$18,851.97

Door Prizes	\$220
Entertainment	\$1,000
Executive Director	\$8,000
Postage	\$200
Scholarships	\$1,000
White Cap	\$6,000
Scrapbook	\$200

Note: We were not given a bill for all the hours Suzy Andry or Doris Burvant have provided us this past year. Many thanks to them for their long hours and dedication without compensation.

Business expenses	\$250
Total	\$16,870
Projected Balance	\$1,981

Library Services to Alumni

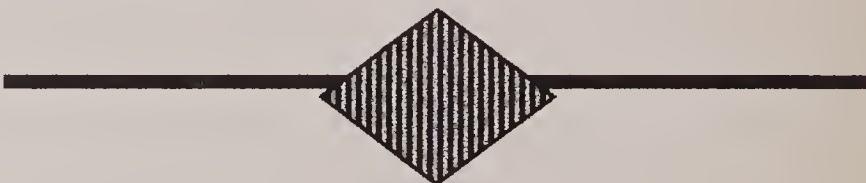
Charity School of Nursing Library offers a variety of services to alumni.

As paid members of the Alumni Association, Charity graduates have total access to the School of Nursing Library.

The library subscribes to 100 nursing journals, 10 popular journal titles, and has over 5000 monographs.

Alumni privileges include checking out books, using the 12 public access computers for research, email, or just surfing the World Wide Web. Staff members are available to assist patrons with research and will schedule Internet help sessions for beginners.

For more information, call 568-6430 or 568-6433.



MARY STRASSER

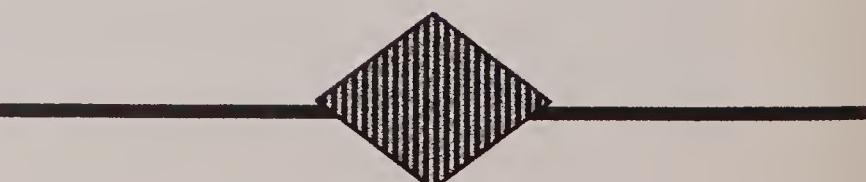
Mary Strasser died on January 29th.

She fought a good fight to stay alive for both her family and friends. She will be greatly missed by everyone she touched in her short life.

Mary worked in the Audio-Visual Department at Charity School of Nursing. She was a special friend of the Alumni Association, helping us in a myriad of ways, most notably in publishing the White Cap.

Our most heartfelt condolences go to Mary's family and friends.

Thank you, Mary!



What's New with You

Mary Betty Stough Crews, Class of 1935, is 86 and still works in Monroe Charity Hospital (E.A. Conway). She belongs to the auxiliary and works two days a week in the Gift Shop.

Francis Verdella Wall Whitson, Class of 1939, wants her class to know that Henry died in November of 1989, and she married John in April, 1993. She turned 83 in December and would love to hear from any of her classmates.

Sister Francis Anthony, known to us as Class of 1942's **Doris McDonald**, wishes us all the best from her home in Louisville, Kentucky.

Class of 1942's Olga Rossie Hassenboehler reminds us that her class was the first to move into the new nursing home on Claiborne Avenue, when Sister Stanislaus was still the director.

Class of 1944's Louise Cowart Stolmeier, wrote in to tell us that she was approaching another birthday, and she is fortunate to be in good health, staying young playing the piano for local nursing homes and Alzheimers' Day Care Centers in Gainesville, Florida.

From the Class of 1945, **Martha Forsmark Miller**, wrote in to remind us that her class was the last to be admitted under the Nurse Cadet Corps, and she has wonderful memories from her three years at Charity.

Jeanne W. Daniels, also from the Class of 1945, informs us that she lives in St. Petersburg, Florida, and the nursing tradition lives on in her family. Her granddaughter, Joanna Daniels, is enrolled as a student nurse at the University of Colorado. Congratulations!

Marvell Martin Cantrell, of the Class of 1947, retired in 1992 after twenty years with the "Little Sisters of the Poor", working the 11-7 am shift in Mobile, Alabama. She loved every minute of it.

Mary Woody, Class of

1947, was recognized as one of 50 "Georgia Women Pioneers in Health Care" because of her leadership in the nursing industry. She served as the past Dean of both Auburn University's School of Nursing and Director of nursing at Emory University Hospital as well as associate Dean of the School of Nursing.

Claire (Garic) Fradella, Class of 1948, has moved to Slidell, Louisiana with her husband of fifty-one years. She has four sons, nine grandchildren, and one great grandchild. Congratulations!

The Class of 1949's Sally Moore Phillips just celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary, traveling to the Greek Islands, the Holy Land, and the Taj Mahal in India. Back in Florida, she and her husband are raising their six-year-old great granddaughter.

Margaret Conway King, also of the Class of 1949, lives in Ferriday, Louisiana with her husband. Both are in excellent health, staying active through their activities with their church, gardening, tennis, and walking daily. She said to stop by and visit.

Nancy Jane Hilton Godbery, Class of 1949, would like to say "hello" to all of her classmates that she attended Charity with from August 1946 through graduation in 1949.

Class of 1951's Mary "Brucie" Lopez Huffman realized that it will soon be 50 years since she graduated from nursing school. She recently had a mini-reunion with **Celina Mechin Haynie**, **Dalia Torres Menendez**, and their spouses in North Carolina.

Jacqueline Blancq Bruneau, Class of 1952, who lives in New Orleans, retired from anesthesia in March of 1997.

Class of 1952's Fay Welch Ingram is retired but she is still active doing volunteer work and traveling.

Edythe Sweeney Baehr from Class of 1954 practiced in the field of anesthesia for 25 years, retiring eight years ago in Salem, South Carolina.

Rita Carr Regitz, Class of 1955, who resides in Houston, Texas, retired on December 31st, after working over twenty-two years in a long term care facility.

Tommy Crooks Halphen, Class of 1956, and her husband, Mike, lived in Oregon for one year, working for a volunteer service in the health department in a small town called "The Dalles" with VISTA, which is a part of the Americorps (Domestic Peace Corps.). They returned to New Iberia after completing their commitment with VISTA.

Joanne Philbrook Newton, Class of 1956, retired in 1998 but continues to work supplemental at Mercy San Juan Hospital in California in case management department, working one week a month.

Joan Killian D'Antoni, Class of 1957, recently retired from nursing in July of 2000 after 43 years. During her career, she served as the head nurse and in supervisory positions in Labor and Delivery, Telemetry, Diabetes Unit, and Medical Surgery, to name a few.

Carolyn Bishop Castleman, Class of 1958, will be traveling to Patagonia, Canada, and southern Africa. She has also lead trips for the Sierra Club.

Lucy Arnold Willard, Class of 1959, recently lost her husband. Our condolences, Lucy.

Class of 1961's Betty Carother Land, is still married to her husband, Bobby, who is a dentist in her hometown of Louisville, Mississippi.

Joyce Oliver Taylor, Class of 1961, completed her Doctor of Science in Nursing degree at the University of Alabama in 1997, which she said was quite a feat for

an old lady like herself. She is currently the Chairperson of the Department of Nursing at Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia, Arkansas.

Rosemary Hathorn Holmes, Class of 1962, is currently on retirement status from the United States Air Force Reserves, and she is working at Pineville Developmental Center in Pineville, Louisiana.

From the Class of 1962, **Carol Ann Mancus Dentz**, is continuing to serve in her position as the Rehabilitation Nursing Manager at Sharp Memorial Hospital. Sharp Memorial has been recognized as the premier rehabilitation center in San Diego area because of its care for acute traumatic spinal cord injury, traumatic brain injury, CVA patients and several patients on the left ventricular assistive device, awaiting heart transplants.

Margaret Bonnie Landreneau Plauche, Class of 1962, is currently teaching at a Mission School in Reynosa, Mexico.

Diana "Dee" Smith Paris, Class of 1968, recently celebrated her 28th wedding anniversary with her husband, Mark Paris, M.D., who finished his surgical residency at LSU in 1972. She is currently employed as an account consultant with a *dotcom* in northern Virginia. Her husband recently retired and they plan to move to the Tampa Bay area this spring, where she grew up.

Class of 1969's Janice Bailey Stanga lives in Knoxville, Tennessee with her husband. She is the manager of the clinical trials department at a community cancer center, which participates in various NCI sponsored group trials and some pharmaceutical studies.

Martha Gallops Hyman, Class of 1970, is retired and lives in Folsom, Louisiana. She currently takes care of her granddaughter, Kate, who was diagnosed with Lissencephaly. She says "hello" to all of her classmates, the faculty and staff, and she says to feel free

to call or write her.

Rose Pipes, Class of 1971, was named Manager of the Year, 2000, at Thibodeaux Regional Hospital. She is also currently attending Loyola University and is working toward a bachelor of science in Nursing degree.

Jo Ann Rizzuto, Class of 1971, has lived in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, for the past 23 years and currently works as a pediatric emergency nurse.

Class of 1973's Stephanie Laws is a hospice nurse for the past ten years in Portland, Oregon.

Marti Fellhauer-Sampson from the Class of 1974 lives in Terrell, Texas, with her husband Paul. Currently she is finishing her thesis for a master's degree in Medical Illustration from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

Charlene W. Persich, Class of 1974, is married to Nicholas J. Persich, M.D. and she has twin boys that are twelve years old. She and her husband are co-chairs of the St. Louis King of France Alumni Association and would love to hear from any SLKF alums.

Class of 1975's Chong Sun Shin Ahn has lived in the Seattle, Washington area for the past 23 years. She is married and has an 11 year old daughter. She's a clinical coordinator in an endoscopy unit at Northwest Hospital in Seattle.

Becky Carter Fisher, Class of 1976, lives in Cleveland, Mississippi with her husband, Glenn, and their two children. She works part-time in a CRNA practice.

Helen Ruiz, Class of 1978, has worked at Touro Infirmary for the past 18 years and presently she is the director of outpatient services, managing an ambulatory treatment center, medical clinic, occupational health clinic and a new alternative medicine program.

From the Class of 1981, **Karen Six Rabais** lives in

Louisville, Kentucky with her husband Gerald and their three children. She would like to hear from **Gwen Gautreaux** and **Claudette Boudreaux**.

Kim Leehans, from the Class of 1992, lives in Nashville, Tennessee with her husband and two daughters. She worked at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in the OR on the ocular plastic trauma team. She is currently home with her children and plans to return to school in a BSN-Masters-FNP program.

From the Class of 1994, **Kathi Moller** finished her BSN and has completed her MSN in February. She lives in Mandeville and works at St. Tammany Parish Hospital and Lakeview Regional Medical Center as a private assistant with her own company, RN AS-SIST Services.

Daniel A. Kersten, Class of 1997, recently relocated to the Knoxville, Tennessee, area and works in an Oncology/Hematology office.

Class of 1992's Natalie Breaux Blanchard, completed her BSN at the University of South Alabama in December 1997 along with **Sharon Lynn Mabry**, Class of 1982, and **Rebecca Jackson Wood**, Class of 1991. All three completed their MN as Family Nurse Practitioners at LSUHSC in New Orleans in May of 2000.

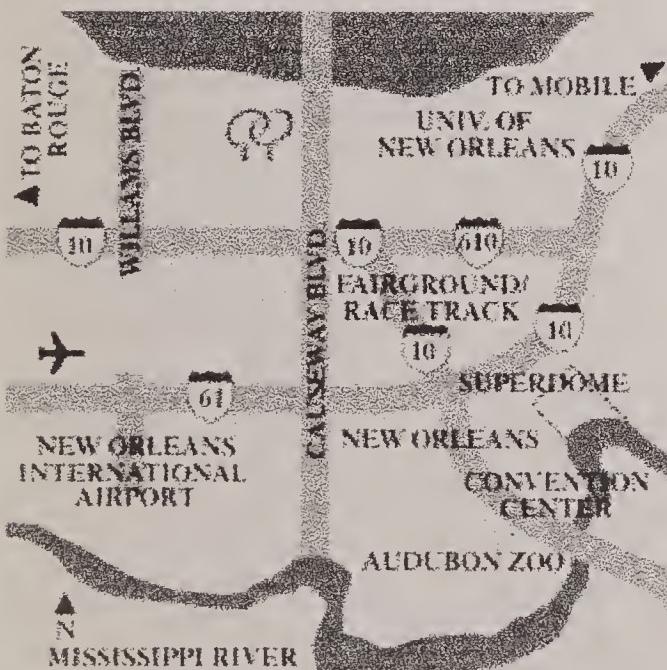
Ecoee Rooney, Class of 1999, completed training last Fall to become a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner at Charity Hospital, and is still working as a staff nurse at Charity's ER. She is eager to hear from her classmates and see them at the Summer Alumni Breakfast.

Please submit news to: Charity Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association at 450 S. Claiborne Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70112. We are anxious to hear from you.

This calendar is to assist in planning schedules in advance. Dates and times of some events may change, and other events/work days may be scheduled as the need arises. An additional Board Meeting may be added in the Fall if necessary. All Board members, officers and nominating committee members will be sent reminders by mail before each meeting.

If you'd like to be notified by mail of upcoming Work Days for Scrapbooks or Mailings, please call the Alumni Office at 568-8038.

The location of Meetings and Work Days will be Charity School of Nursing, 6th floor, Faculty Lounge, unless otherwise noted.



Calendar of Events

Tuesday, May 15	Work Day 10:30 AM - 3:00 PM Scrapbooks, mailings and fun times
Saturday, June 9	Board Meeting 3:00 PM
Tuesday, June 19	Annual Breakfast Meeting Membership Drive Meeting/ Work Day 10:30 AM
Friday, September 21	Deadline for Nominations
Friday, September 28	Deadline for Newsletter submissions
Monday, October 22	Newsletter/Ballot Mailing 10:30 AM
Friday, December 7	Deadline for return of Ballots
Friday, December 14	Board Holiday Party/Vote Count 712 Atherton Place, Metairie
Saturday, January 26, 2002	Annual Luncheon Meeting 2002 (tentative)

Annual Breakfast Meeting

**Lakeside Doubletree Hotel
3838 North Causeway Boulevard
Metairie, Louisiana 70002
Saturday, June 9, 2001 at 10am
(cash bar opens at 9am)
\$19 per person**

Menu:
*Orange Juice
Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee & Hot Tea
Buttermilk Biscuits
Jam, Butter and Preserves
A Baker's Basket of Freshly Baked Muffins
Eggs Benedict
Crispy Smoked Bacon and Sausage
Homestyle Potatoes
Fresh Seasonal Sliced Fruit*

The New Orleans Lakeside Doubletree Hotel is just minutes from the airport and close to numerous area attractions and restaurants. For graduates attending activities, we've blocked some rooms and have a rate of \$89 plus tax. The dates we've reserved are June 8 - 9, 2001. To make reservations, call 504-836-5253 and mention Charity Nurses Alumni Association. Self parking is complimentary. Park in elevated garage near Causeway side of hotel. Valet is \$5.

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Marble Project

The Board is moving forward with the Marble Directors' plaque for the school lobby.

We were given a beautiful piece of white marble from the former residence hall.

We have found a marble artisan who can create the plaque, leaving space for future directors/deans.

We have \$500 pledged, but are looking for special donations to defer the total cost of \$1,200 or so.

When completed, this plaque will represent a part of our past and our future.

Call for Scholarship Funds

The Alumni Association awards several scholarships.

The Sally Cooper Alumni Scholarship funded by the Alumni Association. The Jeansonne Pediatric Scholarship funded by Dr. Kevin Jeansonne. The Weekes Scholarship funded by Julia Bull Schomaker.

There have been several times when we had additional qualified and needy students we would have liked to award scholarships to.

Your donation would give us this opportunity.

White Cap and Alumni Fund Contributions for Spring 2001

WHITE CAP/ALUMNI FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

FOR 2001. SR. BLANCHE, '31 F. LANDRY, '35

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TO ITS CONTINUED SUCCESS. PLEASE LET US HEAR FROM

YOU. THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO SUPPORT THE

ALUMNI. HAIL, ALMA MATER, HAIL! YOUR ALUMNI

BOARD, DORIS, JOCELYN, SUZY, LISTA, URSULA,

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BEVERLY, CHERYL, AND JANE. THANKS TO

PAST BOARD MEMBERS AND TO ALL WHO

VOLUNTEER TO MAKE ALUMNI FUNCTIONS

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Charity Hospital
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In This Issue...

News from your class, letters from your officers, summer breakfast invitation, and more...

Reservations

Deadline for Reservations: June 5, 2001

Name: _____ Class of: _____

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Maiden

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Numbers _____ / _____

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Fall 2001

Charity School of Nursing, 450 South Claiborne Ave., New Orleans, LA 70112

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From the President

Hail, Charity Graduates! I write to the membership of this great Alumni Association for the last time in my role as President. It has been a pleasure serving such a GREAT group!

This time I have such mixed emotions. I wanted to start out with all the wonderful things your Alumni Board has accomplished since the Spring White Cap was mailed, and the great response from everyone to the membership drive, but first I must address my sad emotions.

First, can we take a moment to reflect on the great losses we all experienced on September 11, 2001? A moment to reflect on the heroes of that horrific day. I do believe that among the dedicated staff at the area hospitals, at least one was a Charity nurse serving proudly. I hope that this newsletter finds each one of our members and helps to alleviate the pain if only for a few minutes.

The Annual June Breakfast held at the Doubletree in Metairie on the 9th had a very nice turnout regardless of the hurricane and the threat of flooding in the surrounding parishes. I enjoyed visiting with many of those in attendance, but the response to the mailbox banks and the afghans was an added reward. Thanks to all for your undying support of this great organization.

Well, on to the Membership Drive! It started out as a trial mailing to see if the members were interested in hearing from us more than just twice a year. Suzy said you needed to hear from us more, and Lista pushed for visibility. Sally tried to tell me that we didn't need to keep a ledger to see if it would be profitable. She proceeded to explain that every extra mailing ever conducted by the Alumni Association had been beneficial. Well, guess what! They were right again.

The responses started pouring in (a full box per day) and it didn't taper off until mid-September. I can not find words to express our sincere thanks to each and every one of you. Because of your generosity, this Alumni Association is alive and well again! We



promise to keep you posted on the tallied numbers.

Mailbox banks are being shipped as quickly as we can get them made. Over 100 have been sold to date. The news on the State License Plates is not as exciting. Yes, the Charity license plate did pass both the House and Senate, but the number of applications required to produce the plates was increased from 100 to 1,000. To date we have 330 names and addresses of those interested. We have a lot more soliciting to do to reach the required number. Let us hear from you if you wish to add to the list (you don't have to be a graduate to order one!), or if you know someone who can help us with the LA Bill.

Anyone interested in a library embosser with the pin on it (as was discussed at Homecoming last year), please call me for more details at 318-487-4881. I

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Elections Ballot
Reservation Form
for 2002
Luncheon

From the President

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have found a company that can do it, but at quite a cost for one. The more we order, the better the price.

I could go on and on with this year's tremendous accomplishments, but space is limited. The marble Directors' Plaque project is complete, thanks to your many generous donations. The afghans are still being mailed, the mailbox banks have become a reality, scholarships are being awarded, and it is still true that **Charity nurses are still the best!** Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving as your President. It has been a wonderful four years. Keep the faith, and God Bless America!

Gratefully yours,

Joycelyn Jeansonne

President, CHSNAA

Treasurer's Report

As of 10/15/01

Checking Account Balance.....	\$39,729
White Cap Fund.....	\$3,615
Alumni Fund.....	\$1,838
Membership Dues.....	\$19,674

Mail Box Banks Profits.....\$6,000
(for student support through equipment, supplies, scholarships and support of student activities such as attending national conventions)

CHSN Video Sales.....\$418
(for student equipment & supplies)

Ursula Allain
Treasurer, CHSNAA

Greetings from the Executive Director

These past months have been very busy around the office in a very nice way.

The response from our membership drive has been unbelievable. To date, 768 of you have participated in our drive - we have heard from alumni who have never before paid dues, from members who opted to pay for years in advance, and from many devoted alumni who chose to join our special giving categories. You also contributed generously to the White Cap Fund, the Directors' Plaque, and the Scholarship Account. It is so gratifying to see such tremendous enthusiasm and support from our alumni! Without the help of Suzy Andry and Ursula Allain, I would still be writing notes. Thanks, ladies!!

We also received 100 more orders for afghans. And, even more exciting, 141 orders have been placed for the Mailbox Banks!

The School of Nursing librarian resigned at the beginning of the semester to take a position to be near her children. Melanie Tennyson was a big help to the Alumni Association. She was the person that we called upon to help us with our computer needs. I want to thank her for being there these past years.

Since losing Melanie, the Library at the School of Nursing needed our help this past month because they were short of staff. The following alumni willingly

gave of their time to help out in the Library during lunch time: Sally Cooper, Lillian Samardzija, Mary Lou Medlin, Julie Spratt, Esther Wood, and myself. Thank you all for being so gracious with your time.

The alumni association now has an e-mail address. It is csmalumni@dcc.edu. Some of you sent me your e-mail addresses in the past, but I confess I did not keep them, because I did not think CHSNAA would be getting an e-mail address. But if you e-mail me now, I will keep your e-mail address in our database with your home address. Please let me know if I can share your e-mail address with the alumni membership.

You will notice how late our 2002 Luncheon has been scheduled - we pushed it to the end of February. I am sure by now you have heard about all the fuss to coordinate the Super Bowl and Mardi Gras at the same time in New Orleans. Well, no one asked us about our luncheon!!! We just could not find a restaurant large enough to accommodate us any earlier because they are all under contract to the NFL! Late or not, it will still be a treat! I hope you will all try to come and share some good food, laughs, and memories.

Doris Burvant
Executive Director

Directors' Plaque Project

Through the generosity of our members, the CHSN Alumni Association was overwhelmingly successful in raising the funds needed to create the new Directors' Plaque for the Charity School of Nursing lobby.

We were given a beautiful piece of white marble from the former residence hall, and an artisan was able to create a plaque listing past directors of the school, while leaving space for future directors/deans. It is a truly wonderful tribute to the leaders of our great school through the years, and a gracious link to our old dormitory. If you are able to visit the school, please stop by and see what you made possible!

New CSN Director Named

We are delighted to announce that Ms. Patricia Egers has been named as the new Dean of Charity School of Nursing by Delgado Community College. Pat had served as Assistant Dean, stepping up to Interim Dean when Ms. Gail Barrau retired.

For all of us, Pat is more than just the obvious choice, she is the perfect choice to lead our beloved school into a new and sometimes daunting future. In times of growth and change, she has proved herself to be a terrific administrator, a fabulous mentor for the students, and a warm friend and supporter to the Alumni Association. We offer her our profound congratulations and best wishes!

Mailbox Banks a Hit

The CHSN Mailbox Banks were conceived as a fund raising project for the Alumni Association with all proceeds to be used specifically for students and student activities at Charity School of Nursing. It turned out to be a complex process to secure possession of the old dorm's mailbox doors, but it was also a labor of love. This was such an elegant way of preserving history and our wonderful memories of dorm life, while benefitting current students as well.

You told us it was a good idea at Homecoming, but we could hardly have imagined how enthusiastic you all would be! So far, we have sold 141 mailbox banks! This means we have raised approximately \$6,000 for student scholarships, student equipment and supplies, and student activities such as attending national conferences. Our alumni are truly the greatest!

Our craftsman is diligently making banks so orders can be filled as soon as possible. If you are interested in ordering a bank, contact the Alumni Office.

Attn: Nurse Cadets

Many CHSN alumni who were Nurse Cadets have expressed concern about the lack of representation of nurses' role in WWII at the National D-Day Museum in New Orleans. Ms. Paula Ussery, Curator of Collections at the museum has responded to questions from the CHSN Alumni Association. She has explained that part of the problem is that there has not been a professional staff at the museum to deal effectively with these concerns, but she hopes that will be changing soon. In the meantime, she makes these suggestions:

"In terms of personal stories from these nurses - both cadets and graduated cadets - I strongly encourage them to record a tape of their experiences. Some information they might want to include: rank, theater of service, duties, size and layout of hospitals they worked in, what specific wards they worked in and how they rotated, specific patients and their stories, supply problems, experiences with penicillin, favorite or least favorite uniform, experiences in evacuation flights or enemy fire, tropical diseases in the Pacific arena, most vivid memory of your training or service." Whatever information that might give a picture of your preparation for or life as a nurse in WWII.

In addition, if you have memorabilia or artifacts such as uniforms, scrapbooks, equipment, letters, medical manuals, textbooks, etc., that you would like to donate, please contact Ms. Ussery directly:

Ms. Paula Ussery, Curator of Collections

National D-Day Museum

923 Magazine Street, New Orleans, LA 70130.

She will send you an "Artifact Donor Log" to fill out to be sure that your donations can be properly cataloged and your experiences included in future additions to the exhibits.

We hope to see many of our alumni represented at the D-Day Museum in the near future, and their memories preserved for future generations.

Scrapbook Notes

Our scrapbooks are continuing to grow and a devoted corps of volunteers continues to work hard to preserve our memories in these gorgeous and fun-filled archives. Check out our progress at the Luncheon!

If you have pictures from your days at CHSN, from class reunions, or Homecomings, that you would like to see included in the Alumni Association scrapbook, send them to us! Please identify the people and/or events in each photo as much as possible.

CHARITY HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING

ALUMNI LUNCHEON

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2002

AT HYDE PARK GRILLE

1525 St. Charles Avenue 504-586-1525 Free valet parking!!!

Cash Bar opens at 10:30am, Luncheon Served at 12 noon.

Cost: \$27.00 per person

MENU

Hyde Park Grille Salad

Choice of: Petit Filet Mignon or Grilled Salmon

Dessert: Caramel Custard

----- Cut here! Keep the top and post it on your refrigerator to remind you! -----

CHARITY HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING

ALUMNI LUNCHEON

Deadline for reservations is February 15, 2002.

You may mail this order form along with your ballot, but in order to keep your vote private, please do not enclose in ballot envelope.

I CAN'T WAIT!

Please reserve for me:

HOW MANY?

CHOICE OF ENTREE

Petit Filet Mignon OR
 Grilled Salmon

HOW MANY?

Lunches @ \$27 each..... \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED..... \$ _____

Name _____

First name _____ Maiden/graduating name _____ Last name _____

Class of: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

First name or initials _____

Address: _____

Zip: _____

Telephone: (____) _____

Guest Name: _____

For Name Tag _____

Make checks to and mail to: CHSN Alumni Association
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Charity Hospital School of Nursing
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
2002 BALLOT

DIRECTIONS: Circle the names of the candidates of your choice. Place the ballot in the small envelope marked "BALLOT." Seal the envelope and insert it in a larger mailing envelope addressed to CHSN Alumni Association. You may send your luncheon reservation and other materials in the same mailing envelope, but please enclose only this ballot inside the BALLOT envelope. This protects the privacy of your vote.

DEADLINE FOR VOTING: Ballots must be received on or before December 28, 2001, to be counted!

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Charlotte Arras '71

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Roberta Purvis Bartee '66

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After making your selection, please place this ballot in the enclosed "BALLOT" envelope. Mail your ballot to:
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Charity Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association

WHITE CAP

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From the President

BY SUZY H. ANDRY '59

It was a luncheon that turned into a party of epic proportions! We initially reserved a comfortably-sized upstairs ballroom at the Hyde Park Grille for our February 2002 Annual Luncheon. We never expected the incredible response from our alumni. Two hundred women (with a few men for flavor) converged on St. Charles Avenue, forcing the restaurant management to give us the entire first floor. What a scene! But what a great party. We had it all: classy location, fabulous food, dear old friends, and a centrally located bar to keep the good times flowing!

Well, you've set the tone for 2002, so mark your calendar right now for the Annual Breakfast on June 8! We will be gathering at the beautiful Wyndham New Orleans Hotel at Canal Place. They do turn out a lovely brunch there, and we really enjoy the incredible view from the cloud-level lobby! There will be \$5.00 validated parking (a bargain!) right on site in the Canal Place Garage, so no searching for downtown parking! Join us for brunch, then plan to spend the afternoon lounging in the lobby overlooking the Mississippi, or touring the French Quarter. (My favorite mini-adventure is to take a ride on the Canal Street Ferry!)

I want to thank you all for the opportunity to serve as President of our Charity family. I am open to any suggestions you might have to move our association toward more honor and prestige.

I'm really looking forward to the coming year. I want the alumni to be much more visible at the School of Nursing, so I would like to see the Association host a couple of events for the current students. I need some volunteers to help plan and coordinate! First, I'd like to have a simple breakfast for the incoming freshmen during their orientation days in August. Second, I want us to sponsor a small luncheon for the graduating seniors on their Professional Adjustments Day in March or April.

These events would be a chance for current students to learn more about the Alumni Association, and be more likely to join us in time. We are not a wealthy group as alumni associations go, but we are rich in our professional and personal lives. This could be an opportunity for us, as well, to enjoy the company of the students and share their enthusiasm for the future. Please call or write to me or the Alumni Office if you are interested in helping out!

Finally, I can't encourage you enough to please notify us of any change in address. One of the hardest things we have to do in our office is to tell someone calling in to find a long, lost friend that she is also lost to us.

See you at the June Breakfast! The details are presented on page 10 and the reservation form is on page 11. ☙

From the Executive Director

BY DORIS BURVANT '60

Where has the year gone? I really think that some years have only six months! I can't believe that it has been a year since you received your last *White Cap*.

Many alumni have been asking about the denim shirts that were a favorite at Homecoming. These long-sleeved, light blue denim shirts have the caduceus and the words "Charity RN" embroidered in gold over the left breast pocket. At the February luncheon, a list was circulated to assess how much interest there might be in ordering more of them. Well, the interest is there, so we are now taking orders. Please note that if you signed that list in February, you have NOT ordered a shirt. You must fill out the order form on page 11 of this *White Cap* and send in your payment. All orders and checks must be received by the Alumni Office no later than **July 1, 2002**. Most people said that the sizes run a little large, so keep that in mind when ordering. Sorry, we will not be able to make any exchanges on the shirts.

You can still order mailbox banks and afghans using the same order form. The mailbox bank craftsman is only able to make about ten banks each month, so we apologize if your order seems to be taking a long time. You will get your bank! If you are curious about where you are on the list, write or email me and I'll let you know. We have a few afghans currently in stock so we can ship those right away.

As always, the major battle in the Alumni Office continues to be lost addresses. If you are in touch with any alumni who aren't receiving our mailings, please send us their addresses. We have lost track of them in one of their moves around the state or the country! And please, if you move, think about us! Write a change of address card for Charity at the same time you write them for your magazines.

Reunions are in the works for several classes. I know '52 and '72 are already planning their reunions. Ellen Maniere, class of '77, has asked that classmates who want to help with reunion plans call her at 985-646-1870. Graduates of '78 who want to help with their 25 year reunion can call Joycelyn Jeanson at 318-487-4881 or Cheryl Crouse at 504-348-2901.

Speaking of the Class of '78, does anyone have a class picture, or remember the identity of the photographer who shot the class picture? Class members remember posing for it, but no one seems to have one. We don't even have a copy to frame for the school hallway. Call or write if you have any clues.

I have begun to hear from many of you through

email. When you write, please tell me if I can share your email address with friends and classmates. The Alumni Office email address is csnalumni@edu.com.

The librarian at the school has selected a book shelving unit as the memoriam to Edna Vesta Gidding. There will be a plate attached to the unit with her name and her 1927 graduation date. Thank you to all who contributed.

Be sure to mark your calendars and send in your reservations for the June 8 Alumni Breakfast! The Wyndham Hotel offers spectacular views of the River and the city of New Orleans, as well as terrific food! I know many folks have concerns about finding parking downtown, but there is plenty of parking available in the Canal Place garage right on site. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you there to once again enjoy good times and memories with your friends and classmates! ☺

Treasurer's Report

BY URSULA ALLAIN '65

Checking Account Balance

1/1/01	\$18,852
12/31/01	\$50,057*

*Includes \$14,830 in funds dedicated to specific projects

Expenditures	\$32,981
Afghans	7,550
Business Expenses	4,524
Entertainment	4,224
Executive Director	4,222
Mail Boxes	1,193
Scholarships	2,600
White Cap	6,859
Miscellaneous	1,809

Revenues	\$63,642
Afghans	10,483
Alumni Fund	1,878
Director's Plaque	2,537
Dividends	266
Dues	20,669
Mail Boxes	13,492
Meeting 1/01	2,825
Meeting 6/01	2,242
Meeting 2/02	675
Scholarships	2,072
Souvenirs	694
White Cap Contributions	3,693
White Cap Subscriptions	1,635
Miscellaneous	481

An Unlikely Meeting at Ground Zero

BY CONNIE MESSMER BROWN '75

American Red Cross Service Center #2 at Church Street was just a few blocks from Ground Zero. In January 2002, a Disaster Health Services crew was assisting citizens of New York after the terrorist attack of September 11. I was in charge of the crew.

I have been a volunteer in Safety and Disaster Health Services for the Red Cross for 25 years in New Orleans, but this was my first national Red Cross

Disaster. This center was extremely busy, and the healthcare team worked at least 12 hours a day. When I was told that two new healthcare workers would be joining the crew, I was delighted. Both had numerous years of experience as Red Cross volunteers and had been on several national disasters.

On January 7, in walked A.J. and Betty Jumonville, medical volunteers from Quincy, Illinois. A.J. (*at right in photo*), a physician retired from practice in Internal Medicine, and Betty (*to left in photo*), a retired registered nurse, had lived in Illinois for 40 years and volunteered for the Red Cross in Blood and Disaster Services since 1986. They immediately went to the business of the day, interviewing, counseling and treating clients and staff. A.J. and Betty soon became our resource people since they had the most experience in Disaster Health. Sure, by title I was the Disaster Health Coordinator, but Betty was "my Mom" when it came to advice I needed to make decisions.

I soon learned A.J. and Betty had wed in 1953, and had 5 children and several grandchildren. I (*center in photo*) was surprised to learn that they had lived in Louisiana. In fact, A.J. had graduated from LSU Medical School in 1952, and Betty was a 1953 graduate of Charity Hospital School of Nursing! Here I was, working with Betty, and I'm a 1975 graduate! Needless to say, we rejoiced. For the next ten days we worked side by side, rode the subway together in the early morning hours and the late evenings, and walked from Grand Central Station to our hotel. A disaster, and volunteering with the American Red Cross, had



brought us together.

Betty Jo Thompson Jumonville's 50th year CHSN class reunion will be in 2003 and she and A.J. will be here in New Orleans for the celebration. But she would love to hear from you sooner! Her email address is ajj3@adams.net and her address is 1811 K So. 24th, Quincy, IL 62301. I would also like to hear from other Red Cross nurses across the country. Please email me at eyeseau2@cox.net.

I am looking forward to seeing Betty and A.J. again, this time not at a disaster, but over a glass of wine celebrating her fifty year reunion! ☺

Coming Home

BY URSULA ALLAIN '65

In September of 2001, Michele DeLima '87 and I attended the World Conference on Surgical Patient Care held in Christchurch, New Zealand, and our trip included stops in Australia and Fiji. We were in Australia on September 11. It was a very weird feeling to know that even if we wanted, we could not go home. All flights to the United States were cancelled.

We continued our trip, and spent our last day in Fiji. Our flight was to leave at 10:30pm, so we were up the entire day before boarding the plane. We arrived at the airport three hours in advance and everything, yes everything, was searched before we even arrived at the ticket counter. The flight took eleven hours, but after crossing the International Dateline, we arrived in Los Angeles at approximately 2:00pm *on the same day we left Fiji*.

Now the fun began, because instead of our planned two-hour layover and a direct flight to New Orleans, we were faced with a 10-hour layover, a flight to Chicago with a 4-hour layover, and then finally a flight to New Orleans. To say we were tired is an understatement. We were both physically and spiritually exhausted, and home seemed very far way.

We had been in the Los Angeles airport for several hours, with many more hours to go, when the sound of a harmonica floated down the concourse. In a moment I recognized the tune, "God Bless America," and then into view strolled a lone United Airlines pilot, dragging his roll-on suitcase and happily playing his harmonica.

The emotions I felt cannot be described or expressed, but I started crying and clapping as did everyone else in the area. I realized that, yes, we were HOME, back in the greatest country in the world and soon to be reunited with family and friends. I do not know that pilot's name, but he will always mean America to me. ☺

A Secret Visit to the Old Residence Hall

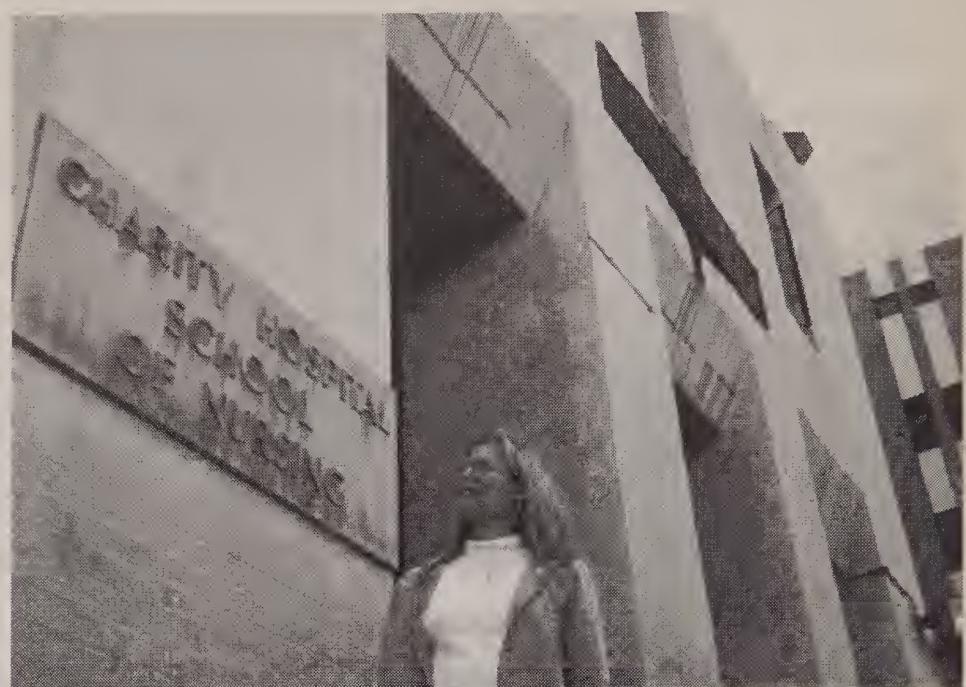
BY PATTI GRANZIN LITTLE '78

In January of this year, my husband and I were on a weekend trip to New Orleans and drove by the old CHSN Residence Hall. I saw construction equipment on the grounds, and I did not know whether they were renovating or demolishing the building. I asked Jim to stop so I could snoop. We found the rear basement entry completely open and, filled with unbearable excitement and curiosity, I talked Jim into slipping inside with me to look around.

My love for this old building has never been exactly clear to me. I don't know if other students return here in their dreams, but for years I have often had "Charity dormitory dreams." These usually involve going back to my room on the tenth floor because I forgot to move my belongings years ago, or realizing I still had another year of school and being assigned to a new room and seeing all my friends again. (I have always wondered if other graduates had dormitory dreams.)

When the dormitory closed and for years was locked up, I became even more nostalgic and sentimental about the building. I could not drive or walk by the building without stopping and staring, wishing a face would appear in a window, or a curtain would move - some sign of life. I wanted to see the interior again, despite knowing that the place was probably in shambles. I wanted to walk up all those stairs to the places students never saw, where the nuns used to live. I wanted to see how the world appeared from the rooftop.

Jim and I went into the old basement cafeteria first. The memories came flooding back of meals



Patti Granzin Little '78 visits the old dorm

eaten here with fellow students, and sitting around those tables eating peanut butter sandwiches for an evening snack. Going up the stairs to the first floor, we entered a large room near Gravier Street, which I think used to have a piano. Through the doors at the other end of this room, we went up a lovely curving staircase going to the second floor.

All the former student living-areas were no longer recognizable. The walls between individual student rooms were gone. There were no bathrooms. Knowing there would be no room where my tenth-floor quarters had been, I still had to see what was there. We climbed on, up to the tenth-floor, to the rear corner facing Veterans Hospital. Here was the skeleton of my room, which I had shared with Darcy Pawloski. The area directly across was roped off. A huge hole went straight down to the ground floor.

This was the last opportunity to finally see what was on those upper floors, so we climbed up through eleven, on to fourteen. I don't know how these floors looked before, but there were no longer any dividing walls, just what seemed to be a very large room facing South Claiborne. Further on we climbed a dark staircase with doors opening into what seemed to have been storage rooms. There were recessed slots measuring about 20" x 20" and several feet deep, each marked with a dorm room number. Perhaps they were for books or supplies when classes were taught in the building.

We finally reached a room where the elevator motor and equipment was housed. Jim was fascinated by that. Exploring further, we saw a ladder straight up to an

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Secret Visit *Continued*

opening leading to the roof. I may be middle-aged and not so courageous as in my youth, but I had come this far, and nothing was going to stop me from going up there. Jim and I carefully ascended to the rooftop. We found a breathtaking view of the city.

I could hardly believe that I had achieved my goal, to once again walk the halls of the Sister Stanislaus Memorial, and to see my beloved New Orleans from its mysterious rooftop.

I wish in my heart that this building could remain part of Charity School of Nursing. Since that is not possible, I hope that the people of LSU will feel the pride and spirit of all the Charity graduates who lived in that building, and who love it still. ☩



Above, the walls are gone in Patti's tenth-floor room. Below, Patti and Jim enjoy the view from the roof, fulfilling one of Patti's dreams.

Dean's Report

BY PATRICIA EGERS, CSN DEAN

I hope that 2002 has been a happy and productive year thus far. It was a pleasure to see so many alumni at the Spring Luncheon. The spirit of Charity is alive and well! The number of Charity graduates continues to climb: 6273 diploma graduates and 1871 ADN graduates to date.

The past year has been a busy one at the school. Our success with accreditation continues. The Charity School of Nursing report was chosen by the National League for Nursing Accrediting commission as a model for other schools. It will be used in their documents and workshops as an example to other nursing programs. The hard work of so many people continues to reap benefits.

The 2001 first-time licensing exam (NCLEX-RN) percentage results for the 167 Charity-Delgado graduates was 94%. The Louisiana pass rate was 91% while the national pass rate was 85%. Louisiana continues to rank well nationally at number six.

The Alumni Association presented a beautiful plaque to the school. It is a marble slab saved from the dorm renovation, engraved with the names of each of the school's directors and deans. It is located in the reception area of the education building. It is a special, elegant and historical marker made possible by generous donations from the alumni. I invite you all to stop by the school to see it.

The latest alumni contribution to the school was a bus rental on April 12, 2002, to encourage student attendance at the Louisiana Organization for



Associate Degree Nursing (L-OADN) in Eunice, Louisiana. Approximately 75 students and 23 faculty attended. The students participated in sessions on the history of nursing, ethics and NCLEX-RN preparation. Charity student Gina Letort was awarded the Outstanding ADN Student of the Year, and faculty member Barbara Zeugner was awarded the Outstanding ADN Alumnus of the Year.

Our enrollment is large: currently 463 RN students. There is now a Practical Nursing program with twenty-four students, as well as a Certified Nursing Assistant course. The RN program admits 130 students each fall and each spring. The faculty and staff continue to work diligently to produce the best graduates in the Charity tradition.

I've enjoyed working with the Alumni Association and look forward to many more projects together. Thank you for all your support. ☩

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Hollie Swift Daspit, '36, died August 16, 2001

Annice Sanford Matthews, '36,
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Veretta Miles Landress, '38,
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Mary Brennan Roussell, '38,
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Lillian Bihm Peed, '39, died February 1, 2001

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Olline Mulford Welch, '46,
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died November 1, 2001

Genevieve Deslatte Boudreaux, '49,
died April 10, 2001

Shirley Stelz Pickett, '50,
died December 23, 2001

Jacqueline Jahm Schindler, '52,
died January 12, 2002

Winifred Thibodeaux Smith, '52,
died July 29, 2001

E. Marilyn Browning Chutz, '55,
died January 5, 2002

Lucille Whitmere Hunter, '55,
died August 11, 2001

Barbara Byars Talley, '58,
died September 2001

Shirley Robey Brumfield, '75,
died December 24, 2001

Maria Pertuit Champagne, '75,
died August 7, 2001

Kathleen Arnoult Cole, '78,
died August 30, 2001 

Belated Recognition for WWII Nurses

BY EDNA TREUTING '46

The U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps was a uniform service created by Congress during WWII. Nurses were vital to the war effort, and Public Law 74 provided for essential services by supplying nurses for military, federal, governmental and other essential hospitals for the duration of the war.

Cadets signed a pledge and were given an I.D. card with a serial number. They wore clinical and dress uniforms with Cadet Nurse insignia. Public Law 248, enacted March 4, 1944, created federal penalties for an unauthorized person wearing the Cadet Nurse uniform and/or insignia.

Despite their crucial role in the war, nurses who served during WWII have not enjoyed the benefits of

veteran status. Efforts to secure recognition for their contributions has led to a bill



currently being considered in the House of Representatives which would grant veteran status to nurses for their services during the war.

Please write to your congressional legislators (representatives and senators) requesting their support for

H.R. 1724, the U.S Cadet Nurse Corps Equity Bill.

(Due to continuing postal problems in Washington, D.C., it is better to send letters to the local home offices of legislators.) Nurses, please support nurses. Please act now!

Another opportunity for recognition of military nurses is through the National D-Day Museum in New Orleans. The museum is seeking WWII memorabilia or artifacts, any articles used, carried, worn, produced or collected from the American Home Front or any WWII Theater of War. Personal stories of WWII experiences, either on tape or written down, are also welcome. Contact the National D-Day Museum, 945 Magazine Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130. ☙

CHSN History: The 1940s

BY AN UNKNOWN AUTHOR

War bonds, rationing of butter, sugar and gasoline, air raid drills and flags in the windows. With United States involvement after the Pearl Harbor bombing in 1941, World War II dominated most events in the 1940s.

The decade began on a high note for Charity School of Nursing. The Nurses' Residence at 450 South Claiborne Avenue was opened on May 5, 1940. The modern structure was built to accommodate four hundred students, with one floor dedicated to housing affiliate students from other schools of nursing.

In her 1941 newsletter, President of the CHSN Alumni Association Virginia Rehage announced that the eight-hour workday was instituted for private duty nurses. The eight-hour shift had been instituted several years before for nurses at Charity Hospital, under the leadership of CHSN graduates.

In the early 1940s, Charity Hospital suffered manpower shortages of crisis proportions, with doctors and nurses entering the armed services. In 1943,

Charity employed only half of its normal complement of nurses. At the same time, the hospital suffered from recurring political and financial threats.

As always, great strides were made even in the face of adversity. In 1942, the blood bank was established under the leadership of Dr. John Adriani, anesthesiologist at Charity Hospital. It was one of the first in the country and the largest in the south. The Poliomyelitis Center was established on three floors of the Lapeyre-Miltenberger Home. In 1946-47, 360 persons were admitted to this center. George Burch, Alton Ochsner, and Michael DeBakey were among the staff physicians.

In 1944, with 760 students, Charity Hospital School of Nursing was one of the largest nursing schools in the country. Sister Henrietta Guyot, DC, was the director of the School of Nursing throughout the 1940s.

Charity Hospital School of Nursing participated in the Cadet Nurse Corps program during World War II. In 1948, the Alumni Association by-laws were revised to permit students to become active alumni members during the last six months of training. ☙

Charity Alumni Meet in Nicaragua

BY CAROL GIANNETTO HOPPER '48

High in the mountains of Nicaragua, in a place time forgot, two nurses are busy providing medical care. I meet Lorilla Richards Geerts as introductions go around and I mention with pride that I am a "Charity Graduate." She comes to talk and soon time regresses, we speak of uniforms, rotation, lates, demerits, standing back for upperclassmen to enter the elevator, Sisters of Charity, and most of all our training.

Lorilla (*on left in photo*), a 1959 graduate from Crowley, LA, has seven children and 18 grandchildren. She was active in nursing for 41 years. She now lives in Mermentau, Louisiana. This was her first Medical Missionary trip. I (*in middle of photo*) am a 1948 graduate from Gulfport, Mississippi, have two children, one grandchild and one great grandson. I was active in nursing for 48 years. I now live in Lake Charles, Louisiana. This was my fifth Medical Missionary trip. I'll be returning in July. ☙



Alumni News & Notes

1958: **Carolyn Bishop Castleman** gets first prize in the travel department. Based in Arizona, she has led Sierra Club trips all over the world. This year she will go to Arctic Norway on a Russian icebreaker trawler, and will lead an expedition cruise to Japan and Russia. Next year she is off to Botswana and Zambia. No longer in the active practice of nursing, she spends her "spare time" with children, grandchildren and husband Dale. Reach her at azlady@juno.com.

1980: **Claudette Boudreux** has a Cajun band, *Les Femmes a'Enfer*, a 4 ½ year-old daughter, two milking goats, and three chickens.

1958: **Elaine Bodin Bond** plays competitive tennis on two club leagues and two USTA leagues. Elaine's daughter recently presented her with a thirteenth grandchild. Write to Elaine at ebond1@cox.net.

1962: **Georgeanna Ezell Presnell** works in OR at West Florida Hospital in Pensacola. She also makes people laugh working as a clown!

1989: **Jill Jung Lambert** received a Master's Degree from the Univ. of South Alabama, as well as the college's highest honor, the Spirit of Nursing Award.

1958: **Janet Lang Reese** considers it a joy just to be living in the Eastern Sierra Nevada Mountains of California. She works part-time as a school nurse, covering three school districts, and also teaches in a day care center at the Mammoth Mountain Ski Area. Her greatest joy is hiking and backpacking with her husband, children and grandchildren. Say hello at joeveda@jps.com.

1976: **Bryanne Murray Hamil** was inducted as a Judge of the Family Court NYC in New York State.

1948: **Martha Frosmark Miller** writes to remind us that her class was the last one admitted under the Nurse Cadet Corp program. ☙

A Sister in West Africa

BY SALLY COOPER

One year after her 1986 graduation, Sister Cecilia Gros traveled to West Africa to join the Sisters of Notre Dame at their medical clinic serving the poor and needy in Ghana. At that time there was a staff of five at the clinic. During her fifteen years of service there, Sister Cecilia has risen to senior nursing officer and administrator of the growing medical facility. In 1999, the clinic treated 22,266 out-patients. By 2001, the number had risen to 27,119 and is still growing.

The medical problems are many in this African village. The top three diagnoses are malaria, respiratory infections and skin disease. Sister Cecilia works tirelessly at the clinic caring for patients who come from far and wide. She also makes weekly visits in her mobile unit to those unable to travel to the clinic.

In Ghana, many home deliveries without medical care result in the death of mothers and newborns. Sister Cecilia's dream is to provide a maternity ward where these lives will be saved with proper medical care. She has developed plans to build a ward of 6 to 8 beds, two delivery rooms, an exam room for midwives, and an office, at a cost of about \$35,000.

There is no way to know how many lives Sister Cecilia has touched (and saved) in the 15 years she has served in Ghana. If you would like to get in touch with her to learn more about her plans for her clinic, you can write to: Sister Cecilia Gros, Box 491, Naswam, Ghana. ☙

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 Christine Wilson Mehrdens '91
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 Gloria Webb Mulligan '46
 Martha McCurdy Nix '57
 Margaret Oalmann Palmisano '49
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 Anna Waggespaek Pav '46
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 Rita Bares Raphael '65
 Janice Gates Redlick '71
 Diane Prudhomme Reidy '73
 Saundra Owens Robert '56
 Mona Robicheaux Rojas '57
 Lynn Burton Rosenblatt '66
 Judy LaFleur Ross '68
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 Diana Fontenot Roy '74
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 Wanda Riehards Signorelli '47
 Cathy Staek Skeins '73
 Shannon Smiley '01
 Maureen McCabe Spring '87
 Catherine LaFleur St. Cyr '59
 Louise Rue Stenberg '55
 Peggy Daigle Sternitzke '49
 Deborah Stewart '75
 Susan Pye Stone '72
 Gina Broadbridge Suprean '79
 Betty Holmes Tafaro '49
 Barbara Byars Talley '58
 Laurie Bonomo Talmano '98
 Rose Mary George Theard '84
 Maria Thiele '01
 Penny Kistler Tolchin '63
 Rosalind Torregano-Breaux '91
 Edna Gannon Treuting '46
 Billie Sanders Tuohy '49
 Freddie Bashaw Utsman '51
 Cynthia Bourgeois Wagley '72
 Teresita Mares Walsh '78
 Barbara Ellison Wasano '62
 Geneva Dufour Waters '48
 Evelyn Brown Wellston '68
 Louise Welsh '02
 Fabian Thibodeaux Whitney '71
 Frances Verdella Whitson '39
 Camille Bourgeois Whittaker '70
 Sylvia Ikel Wilkins '60
 Lucy Arnold Willard '59
 Carrie Owens Williams '53
 Diane Richard Williamson '62
 Lorraine Hebert Wise '54
 C. Lori LeBlanc Wood '86

Charity Hospital School of Nursing

ALUMNI BREAKFAST

Saturday, JUNE 8, 2002

Wyndham New Orleans Hotel at Canal Place

Canal Street at the River, Entrance at 100 Rue Iberville 504-553-5015

On-Site Self-Parking in Canal Place Parking Garage (Validated: \$5.00)

Join with friends & classmates, and enjoy a spectacular view of the City & the River!

Cash Bar opens at 9:00 am, Breakfast Served at 10:00 am.

Price: \$28.00 per person

MENU

Fresh Berries with Sugar & Cream Quiche Lorraine Hickory Smoked Bacon
Sautéed Cinnamon Apples A Selection of Breakfast Pastries Juices, Coffee & Tea

Reservation form is on page 11. **Deadline for reservations is May 31, 2002.** Mail yours today!

CHARITY HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

We are the Alumni Association of Charity Hospital School of Nursing and Charity School of Nursing.

We keep alumni informed of the activities of their classmates and the new developments at the school. We host alumni events to reunite friends separated by time and distance. We provide support for students through scholarships and by raising funds for student activities. We provide an invaluable link between Charity's rich past and her exciting future.

We want all of our alumni to be a part of our many exciting activities as paid members of the Alumni Association. As a paid member, you will receive *The White Cap* in the spring and the Alumni Newsletter in the fall. You will receive invitations to our annual breakfasts and luncheons, as well as to our terrific Homecoming events. And you will be a voting member of the Alumni Association, participating in the plans

and decisions of our organization, and electing our future leadership.

Most of all, when you join the Alumni Association, you will be saying that you value your connection to Charity and all that she represents. You will continue to be a part of the proud and honorable spirit of our school. And you will join with the many alumni who have continued through the years to joyously celebrate the fellowship of our nursing school days.

See the form on page 11 to pay your annual membership dues. If you are already an active member, this payment will extend your membership from the time your current dues expire. Check your mailing label on the back cover of *The White Cap* for your membership expiration date.

Please join us. Because there are no friends like the friends you make at Charity. ☸

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 PHOTOCOPY AND GIVE TO A FRIEND!

RESERVATIONS & ORDER FORM

Your Name _____
 First name _____ Maiden/graduating name _____ Last name _____

Class of: _____ Spouse's Name: _____

Address: _____ City, State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____
 Area Code _____

CHARITY ALUMNI BREAKFAST

Saturday, June 8, 2002 9:00am Wyndham New Orleans at Canal Place

YES, I'LL SEE YOU THERE! Deadline for reservations is May 31, 2002.

Please reserve for me: HOW MANY? _____ Breakfasts @ \$28 each..... \$ _____

Guest Name for Name Tag: _____

⌚ NOW'S A GOOD TIME ⌚
TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Membership Dues..... \$ _____

\$15 Regular Membership x _____ years ||| White Cap Fund Contribution..... \$ _____

\$25 Blue Ribbon Membership x _____ years ||| Alumni Fund Contribution..... \$ _____

\$50 Silver Star Membership/year x _____ years ||| Scholarship Fund Contribution..... \$ _____

\$100 Sister Stanislaus Membership x _____ years |||

Sustaining Membership: a one-time gift of \$500 |||

AND ORDER YOUR CHSNAA STUFF!

Denim shirts orders must be received by July 1, 2002.

Denim Shirts: Circle size: S M L XL XXL Number of shirts _____ @ \$45 each = \$ _____

CHSN Afghan..... Number of afghans _____ @ \$55 each = \$ _____

CHSN Mailbox Bank..... Number of banks _____ @ \$84 each = \$ _____

All prices include shipping.

ENCLOSED IS MY CHECK FOR (Page Total) \$ _____

 Make checks to: CHSN Alumni Association 

 Mail to: 450 S. Claiborne Ave., New Orleans, LA 70112-1310 

THE WHITE CAP

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2002 CALENDAR

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| Saturday, June 8 | Alumni Breakfast
9am, Wyndham Hotel |
| Saturday, June 8 | Board Meeting
following Breakfast |
| Tuesday, Sept. 18 | Board Meeting
3:30 pm |
| Friday, Sept. 27 | Deadline for Newsletter
submissions |
| Tuesday, Oct. 22 | Newsletter Mailing
Workday 9am to 4pm |
| Wed., Oct. 23 | Newsletter Mailing
Workday 9am to 4pm |
| Tuesday, Dec. 17 | Board Meeting
3:00 pm |

Paid your membership? Check your mailing label.

If you are not sure about whether you have paid your membership dues, look at your address label on this page. Above your name are three sets of numbers. The third set indicates what year you last paid dues. If the third set is only a "0," then we have NEVER received any membership dues from you. Please take a moment to fill out the form on page 11 and send us a check. We want you to continue to receive *The White Cap* and all our other mailings!

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ALUMNI NEWS

FALL 2002

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From the President

I feel like the food editor. Every letter I write to you, I begin with a review of the last place we broke bread together. Well, once again, I can only say good things because the June Breakfast was more than a success. The Wyndham Hotel on Canal Street is a magic place. Everyone who came to eat with us seemed to revel in the atmosphere, the company and the occasion. And what a crowd - over 200 alumni attended! We thought we would be hanging folks from the chandeliers before we got everyone seated. It was a great day, full of memories and joy - and good food! The winner of our 50/50 drawing, Sandra Peterson Touchet, reaped a windfall of \$234- then donated it all to the Alumni Association! It is an outstanding but not unusual example of the generosity of the many alumni who give so willingly to keep this organization vital, and to preserve that special spirit of Charity for generations to come. We can't thank you enough!

In this spring's White Cap, I told you about our plans to host a breakfast for the incoming freshmen during their orientation. In August, we served a continental breakfast on the second morning of their two-day orientation, in hopes of introducing students early to the idea of the Alumni Association and what a swell group we are! Well, our boundless enthusiasm must have spilled over into our preparations, because we had so many doughnuts we ended up inviting the faculty, the OR techs and the whole rest of the school to eat them up!

It was a fabulous morning. Diane Angelico, Bobbie Bartee, Doris Burvant, Ursula Allain and I kept the coffeepot perking (and kept serving those doughnuts) for the wide-eyed new students. A new graduate, May Juan, was a big hit because freshmen and upperclassmen alike wanted to hear about "life after school." It is so moving to see so many young people discovering the challenges and rewards of

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Picture from the Past

Do you recognize these Charity students? If you think you do, send us their names by mail or e-mail. If you are correct, we will publish YOUR name in the next issue of The White Cap.

Extra credit for guessing the year!

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ELECTIONS BALLOT

RESERVATION FORM
FOR 2003
LUNCHEON

From the President

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nursing. They are so full of heart and commitment. I wish more of you could have been there to meet them, but I know you will - in two years when they join our Alumni Association.

The Freshmen Breakfast was such a success, we are now planning our next school event: a lunch for the graduating class in November. If you would like to attend, or help us in any way, please call the Alumni Office or e-mail us. We are funding these events with proceeds from the mailbox sales, so you are also helping when you buy a mailbox!

Speaking of the mailboxes, in the last few years we had some truly wonderful commemorative items for our alumni. The decorative plates, the afghans, the mailbox banks, denim shirts, mouse pads, and tote bags are so much fun to buy and own! These sales help us put a little extra money in our treasury to fund our activities and support current students. But we need your input and some new ideas! The items can be utilitarian or whimsical, focus on Charity history or nursing, or anything that might have a special appeal to our large group. Put on your marketing caps and let us know about that thing you've always thought it would be nice to have... Send us your ideas by mail or by e-mail. We want to hear from you! If you are the first person to send in an idea that we decide to use, you might just get a complimentary "first edition" - as well as honor, glory and the respect of your peers.

Enclosed in this newsletter is the Ballot for new Board members and the Nominating Committee. We have a great selection of candidates, and I want to thank them all for their willingness to run and serve the organization. I want to encourage any alumni who is interested in becoming more involved to contact the Alumni Office. Our officers, Board and volunteers are not some special breed. They are alumni, just like you, who have jobs and lives but who find a little time and energy during the year to help plan and put together our

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Sandra Peterson Touchet gives her 50/50 winnings to Alumni Association President Suzy Andry at the June 2002 Breakfast

activities. It is fun and gratifying, and less demanding than you think! Talk to us about how you can get involved.

Finally, I need to talk about - food again! The Alumni Luncheon is coming up fast. The date is February 15, 2003, and the location is Andrea's Restaurant in Metairie, a frequent-favorite location for our group. Join us and bring a classmate or colleague who hasn't been attending. Remind him or her of the great time we all had together in school - and about the great time we have at all our alumni events!

I look forward to seeing you all there!

Suzy Andry
President, CHSNAA

REUNION ALERT!

If you want to help plan your class reunion, or be involved in any way, please contact us at the Alumni Office. We will put you in touch with other members of your class who want to make it happen too!

These classes have reunion years coming up:

CLASS OF '93 - 10 YEARS
CLASS OF '83 - 20 YEARS
CLASS OF '78 - 25 YEARS
CLASS OF '73 - 30 YEARS
CLASS OF '63 - 40 YEARS
CLASS OF '53 - 50 YEARS

There are many missing alumni from these classes. Check page 4 to see if you can help us find them!

Greetings from the Executive Director

This year has been great. I so much enjoy receiving the telephone calls and letters from "old" friends, and working with a very dedicated Board of the Alumni Association. I feel like I have a privileged vantage point as Executive Director. I get to meet each new group of new graduates, encourage them to join our Association and attend our bi-annual socials. And I see the multiple generations of Charity Alumni, a group so diverse and yet so cohesive, opening their ranks to welcome the new members, offering friendship and perspective. We truly share something special in this organization, and it is each of you who make it special.

Now on to some housekeeping chores:

Charity Memorabilia

The second shipment of denim shirts has been mailed to those who ordered during the summer. Please call the office if you did not receive your order.

CHSNAA afghans are still available for purchase. If you wish to order one, please send a check for \$55 to CHSN Alumni Association. This price includes shipping. What a perfect holiday gift for a special nurse or nurse-to-be on your list!

I know some of you are wondering about your mailbox banks. Where are they??? I assure you that our skilled and dedicated craftsman is working his fingers to the bone to make our banks as quickly as possible, even though we are not his only customers. There is no mass-production here. Each bank is lovingly made by hand, and many of the mailbox doors have to be tweaked by a locksmith to be sure you get a working combination lock. You have been very patient and I do appreciate your understanding. Please call me if you want to know where you are on the list.

CHSNAA Directory

I have been trying to complete the directory of the Charity Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association members. It is a big project that feels like it has been years in the making, but I hope to have it available for purchase next year.

A word on our "privacy policy": the directory will NOT be sold or made available to anyone other than our paid members. We will never sell it to a company for any reason.

I have the Louisiana State Board of Nursing



directory which has been useful in finding some addresses, but there are still many alumni for whom we have no current address. Please take a few minutes to review the list of some of our "lost" alumni on page 4.

If there is a classmate or colleague that you can help us find, please let us know.

If you have sent me your e-mail address, I will include it in the directory. If you would like to include your e-mail address, or if your name or address on the envelope of this newsletter needs to be corrected, please contact me at the Alumni Office. Your help is very much appreciated.

Mail It In!

If you enjoyed reading the Spring 2002 White Cap as much as I did, you know how exciting and inspiring it is to learn about the experiences of our fellow alumni. We would love to receive articles about your adventures, or a remarkable day at work, or some memories of Charity you want to share. So take pen in hand and write! Articles need not be long. Just jot it down and send it to us. We print pictures too!

Finally, there are two important things to pull out of this newsletter before it gets lost in that stack of papers on your desk. First, your ballot. Voting is a privilege given only to paying members of the organization and we want your voice heard in choosing our leadership.

Secondly, fill out the reservation for the Alumni Luncheon in February. We are going to have a terrific time (as usual) and we want you to be with us!

While you are filling out that form, please renew your annual membership! If you are not sure when you last paid your dues, check your mailing label on the newsletter envelope. Above your name are a bunch of numbers: the last set is the year you last paid dues. (The numbers 9999 indicate Lifetime Membership.) If you have any questions, just contact me at the Alumni Office.

I'm looking forward to another exciting year here as Executive Director and to working with the new members of our Board. Have a safe and happy holiday, and I'll see you in February!

Doris Burvant
Executive Director



LOST ALUMNI

Please contact the Alumni Office if you can help us locate these missing members of the following classes:

Class of 1953

Joan Hayden Moench
Edna Anderson
Joan Bell Hearn
Lois Bush Miller
Marjorie Dobbins Kahn
Rubilyn Drake Hilton
Dorothy Green
Betty Griffin McGinness
E. Charleen Harris Bragg
Estelle Kaufman Ellis
Dorothy Kilpatrick Beck
Laura Klindt Bransom
Patricia Landry Ferry
Janice Luna Lomont
Betty Martin
Geraldine Miller Minor
Elizabeth Oliphant Welch
Barbara Ransome Grunner
Joye Riggs Moody
Mary Rodriguez Capsimalis
Betty Scaife Jordan
Joan Sherwanick Selvera
Rita Thornberry Sharpe
Geraldine Tate Hall

Class of 1963

Catherine Bowen Arnette
Phyllis Bourgeois Beeching
Diane Henry Blossmon
Judith Minor Bourne
Karen Krpata Bradley
Mary Curry Candler
Linda Simmons Christensen
Linda Harson Crow
Dianne Ruth Davis
Ethel Strickland Dyer
Elaine Gauthreaux Edens
Joyce LeBlanc Ervin
Terry Gibbs
Mary Monroe Gott
Patsy Cormier Hammett

Carolyn Berk Haynes
Jeanette Duran Heider
Natalie Venable Keller
Edith Bodden King
Joyce James Klass
Dixie Urban Kullak
Janet Callanen Leake
Leona Lipari Lee
Dorothy Russell Leger
Gay Fuqua Nassri
Judith Lewis Park
Barbara Johnson Roger
Camille Marshall Schnier
Carol Masters Stoltz
Karen Brady Thomas
Marie Vidrine
Marie Cascone Wilkinson

Class of 1973

Yvonne Caddell Aucoin
Mary Staneff Baker
Linda Bourgoyne
Beverly Daigle Gauthreaux
Catherine Marrione Hammett
Lynn Mayhew Schrofring
Yvonne Patout Trapani

Class of 1978

Patricia Wahl Abel
Sheila Barthe Cousin
Sheila Sorrell Genetta
Barbara Leverett Haase
Renee Landrieu Harkness
Victoria Connick Knight
Deanna Hastman Messina
Kathleen Meyers
Jennifer Morrison Middleton
Laurel Armitage Natale
Elizabeth Plauche Perry
Charlotte McLaughlin Porter
Susan Jaufre Riehle
James Sams

Tina Pauratore Seever
Paula Trocquet
Doris Washington Tucker

Class of 1983

Allison Adkins Balmer
Leslie Baughman
Sheila Brown
Mary Busch-Hartley
Mary Savoy Kennedy
Robert Todd Lewis
Nancy Rodgers Mader
Mary Moe
Jean Nishimori
Iris Norman
Anita Pagan
Kathy Picard
Stephanie Roddy
Catherine Fasone Shaw
Kathleen Traffican
Sherri Taylor Twiggs
Diedra Vance
Gabrielle Ward
Annette Briggs Wilson

Class of 1993

Frank Barnaby
A. Mark Calkins
Shelley Stewart Ciuffi
Colleen Coelho
Jerrie Cordell Davis
Stephanie Gowland
Leslie Coste Hill
Adriana Chapra LeJeune
Denise LaCoste Maheu
Jane Mielenz Morehouse
Michael Pere
Luz Ampudia Plater
Shannon Saacks
Yvette Morein Sinclair
Marilyn Morrisse Stoltz
Kevin Tyrell

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Charity to Host LOADN Convention

Charity School of Nursing will be hosting LOADN on the River, the state convention of the Louisiana Organization for Associate Degree Nurses, in April 2003 in New Orleans. Sharon Bernier, president of the national organization, will be the keynote speaker, and CEUs will be available.

LOADN is the leading advocate for Associate Degree Nursing education and practice in the state. It is in the interest of all Charity alumni to support an organization that is dedicated to preserving and promoting ADN programs and their essential place in the spectrum of nursing education.

There are many struggles confronting ADN programs that could have a profound impact on the future of our school and its graduates, including entry into practice and hiring issues. Please visit the website

at www.loadn.org to find information on current events affecting ADNs, useful links, and downloadable membership forms.

Convention registration information will also be posted on the site in the coming months.

Your Voices

We want to hear from our alumni in answer to the following question:

What was the most important thing you learned in nursing school?

Your response can be serious or funny, specific to nursing practice, or a life lesson. Drop us a postcard, send us a note, or e-mail us. We will print as many responses as we can in The White Cap, and the writer of our favorite answer will receive a special gift.

PIN-SPOTTING

Who is wearing their Charity pin at work? Our roving reporter visited Memorial Medical Center's Uptown Campus in hopes of spotting Charity pins, and found quite a few, but there are many more of you out there wearing no pins. We want to see those pins!

If you would like to be a Pin-Spotter at your hospital or office, send in your photos to the Alumni Office, and we will print as many as we can in our next issue.

WEARING OUR CHARITY PINS PROUDLY!

On the left, from top, left to right:

Surgery staff,
Ed Gordon '98,
Margaret Schorr '98,
Craig LaFontaine '98,
Sally Culotta '01.



Above, from the top, left to right:
Corinne Duplessis '78, Ambulatory Care;
Amy Richards '97, PACU; Nanette Wilson '98,
Lista Hank '97, and Judy Prevou '60, Endoscopy;
Denise Charters '97, Pool.



CHARITY HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

ALUMNI LUNCHEON

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2003
ANDREA'S RESTAURANT

3100 19th Street in Metairie 504-834-8583 Free parking!!!

Cash Bar opens at 10:30am, Luncheon Served at 12 noon.

Cost: \$35.00 per person

MENU: Lobster Bisque, Andrea's Salad, Choice of: Filet of Beef Bordelaise or Trout Almondine, & Dessert

----- Cut here! Keep the top part and post it on your refrigerator to remind you! -----

CHSNAA ALUMNI LUNCHEON

Deadline for reservations is February 7, 2003.

You may mail this order form along with your ballot, but in order to keep your vote private, please do not enclose in ballot envelope.

I'LL SEE YOU AT THE LUNCHEON!

Please reserve for me:

HOW MANY?

CHOICE OF ENTREE

Beef Bordalaise OR
Trout Almondine

HOW MANY?

Lunches @ \$35 each.....\$ _____

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES:

If you are already an active member, this payment will extend your membership from the time your current dues expire. Check your mailing label on the outer envelope for your membership expiration date.

- \$15 Regular Membership x _____ years = \$ _____
 \$25 Blue Ribbon Membership x _____ years = \$ _____
 \$50 Silver Star Membership x _____ years = \$ _____
 \$100 Sr. Stanislaus Membership x _____ years = \$ _____
- Sustaining Membership: a one-time gift of \$500,
and you never pay membership dues again. ☺

Name _____
First name _____ Maiden/graduating name _____ Last name _____

Class of: _____ Spouse's Name: _____
First name or initials _____

Address: _____

_____ Zip: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____

Guest Name: _____
For Name Tag _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED:

Luncheon.....\$ _____

Membership.....\$ _____

Contributions to:

The White Cap Fund...\$ _____

Alumni Fund.....\$ _____

Scholarship Fund.....\$ _____

Enclosed is
my check for.....\$ _____

Make checks to and mail to: CHSN Alumni Association, 450 South Claiborne Ave, New Orleans, LA 70112

Charity Hospital School of Nursing
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
2003 BALLOT

DIRECTIONS: Circle the names of the candidates of your choice. Place the ballot in the small envelope marked "BALLOT." Seal the envelope and insert it in a larger mailing envelope addressed to CHSN Alumni Association. You may send your luncheon reservation and other materials in the same mailing envelope, but please enclose only this ballot inside the BALLOT envelope. This protects the privacy of your vote.

DEADLINE FOR VOTING: Ballots must be received on or before December 16, 2002, to be counted!

BOARD MEMBERS (Vote for Two)

Marianne Capelle Bell '74

Karen Chaubert '77

Frances Dixon '76

Lydia LaFont '77

Sharon Lowrey '72

Mary McMenamin '87

Rose-Mary Alexander White '72

Esther Wood '49

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Vote for Two)

Cheryl Crouse '78

Kathleen Miller '94

After making your selection, please place this ballot in the enclosed "BALLOT" envelope.

Mail your ballot to:

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Candidates Biographical Data

BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATES

MARIANNE CAPELLE BELL

CLASS OF: 1974
EDUCATION: Diploma, CHSN
Working on BSN

Marianne is a member of LNHA and CHSNAA. She currently works at ADON IHS Neurologic Rehabilitation Center, and lives in Slidell.

KAREN CHABERT

CLASS OF: 1977

EDUCATION: Diploma, CHSN

Karen was treasurer of her senior class, secretary of Metropolitan Partners Against Crime (M-PAC), and Regional Representative for the International Association of Forensic Nurses. She was a founding member of the M-PAC Juvenile Crime Prevention Task Force, and is a member of and CHSNAA. She is a Forensic Nurse Examiner at Charity Hospital (Medical Center of Louisiana) and President/owner of Dynamic Nursing Association, a forensics education and consulting firm. She lives in New Orleans.

FRANCES DIXON

CLASS OF: 1976

EDUCATION: Diploma, CHSN
BSN

Frances has been a board member of the Alumni Association in the past and a current member of CHSNAA. She is retired and lives in Metairie.

LYDIA LAFONT

CLASS OF: 1977

EDUCATION: Diploma, CHSN

Lydia is presently employed at LSUHSC- Chaubert Medical Center. She is a member of CHSNAA and lives in Houma, LA.

CHERYL CROUSE

CLASS OF: 1978

EDUCATION: Diploma, CHSN
BSN

Cheryl has been on the Nominating Committee of the Alumni Association. She is a member of CHSNAA and the American Society of Ophthalmic Registered Nurses. She works as a Clinical Administrator at the Outpatient Eye Care Surgery Center and lives in Harvey, LA.

SHARON LOWREY

CLASS OF: 1972
EDUCATION: Diploma, CHSN
BSN, Loyola University

Sharon has been a member of AAPN and is currently self-employed. She is a member of CHSNAA and lives in Opelousas, LA.

MARY McMENAMIN

CLASS OF: 1987
EDUCATION: Diploma, CHSN
BSN, Loyola University

Mary has been on the Nominating Committee of the Alumni Association. She currently works in the Endoscopy Unit at Chalmette Medical Center. She is a member of CHSNAA and lives in Chalmette.

ROSE-MARY ALEXANDER WHITE

CLASS OF: 1972
EDUCATION: Diploma, CHSN
BSN, MSN

Rose-Mary has been treasurer for the Alumni Association in the past. She is a member of ANA, LSNA, NODNA, and CHSNAA. She works for the State of Louisiana DHH Health Standards Section (State Surveyor - Regulatory) and lives in New Orleans.

ESTHER WOOD

CLASS OF: 1949
EDUCATION: Diploma, CHSN
Coursework at Tulane and LSU

Esther has been a board member of the Alumni Association, a two-time board member of NODNA, and a member of the LSNA Board of Directors for eight years. She is an administrator in the Plaquemines Parish Health Department and lives in Belle Chasse.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

KATHLEEN MILLER

CLASS OF: 1994
EDUCATION: AD, Charity School of Nursing

Kathleen was vice-president of her class at Charity, and is a member of AORN and CHSNAA. She lives in Mandeville.

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WHITE CAP

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From the President

BY SUZY H. ANDRY '59

The luncheon in February was held at Andrea's Restaurant in Metairie, an agreeable location with easy parking and good food. Andrea was hosting his King's Party for the Krewe of Okeanos that evening, so our luncheon had the benefit of the beautifully decorated room (even though several of us were drafted to help ready the room before our own party could get under way). We kept telling everyone that our Charity colors were blue and white - not the red, green & white of the Italian flag! - but no one listened to us. Nevertheless, our crowd was thrilled to be feted in such an elegant wonderland. The Classes of 1952 and 1972 were able to coordinate their reunions with the luncheon (*see photos this page, top to bottom*) which added to the gaiety!

Our office was overwhelmed with praise for the 2002 Breakfast at the Wyndham New Orleans at Canal Place, so we figure if it's working, don't change it!

Therefore, the Breakfast on June 14, 2003, will be "same time, same place" and we expect every one of you from last year to return! And for those of you who missed it last year, you've got another chance to enjoy the beautiful river view and great food. The Class of 1953 is celebrating their 50th year reunion and the Class of 1978 is celebrating their 25th year reunion. Both classes are coming in large numbers to visit with old friends at the Breakfast. Call all your roommates and pals and make it a special day! The Reservation Form is on page 11. Send it in today!

My big wish this past year was for the alumni to be more visible at Charity School of Nursing. We made



some great strides toward that goal when Doris and I and four other alumni manned coffeepots and slung donuts at a breakfast for the freshmen, and served a lunch of salads and sandwiches to the graduating seniors during the fall and spring semesters. We were able to create fun and memorable events for ourselves as well as the students and we hope they will be inspired to participate in the Alumni Association once they graduate. I am still wishing that a volunteer or two would step forward to take over the responsibility for those activities, so they can be continued as annual events. If wishes were horses, then beggars would ride, so I keep practicing my "Heigh-ho, Silver!" Are you out there, special volunteer?

The Board has been delighted to add two new Honorary Members to our fold: Sister Mary Paule Vardigan, a retired Daughter of Charity, and Kathy Ayme, a current faculty member at the School of Nursing. Both of these dear ladies have been outstandingly supportive of our Association throughout the years.

With our country at war, it brings to mind the hundreds of us who served in the wars of the past. I would like to encourage those of us with these experiences to take the time to write down your memories. I know that both your families and the alumni would treasure that history. At the last Homecoming, Alice Boogaerts Bockman had her '43 classmates write biographies. That notebook

is great reading and is now part of our scrapbooks collection. I hope we can start collecting our war diaries as well.

Tie your yellow ribbons around the trees, and fly your flags high. We hope to see all of you in June! ☩

From the Executive Director

BY DORIS BURVANT '60

Greetings to all of our alumni and best wishes for the year 2003. I want to thank everyone for their tremendous generosity and support for the Alumni Association, and for all your letters, e-mails and phone calls. It is so great to hear from you all!

New Phone Number

The Alumni Office has been moved to new quarters at the School of Nursing: from room 613b to 613f. We are still on the sixth floor (and actually have been located in this office before) but this move has resulted in a new telephone number for us. The new number is 504-568-6372.

Afghans and Mailboxes

We currently have afghans available for \$55.00 including shipping. Send us a check and I can send one to you immediately.

I know many of you are still waiting for your mailbox banks. Please do not get discouraged! They are still being made, and each one is shipped as soon as it is ready. It is not too late to order a mailbox, but be patient because each one is hand-made to order, and it takes some time. There's an order form on page 12 for mailboxes and afghans.

Reunions

I have been encouraging the classes of '53, '63, '73, '83 and '93 to plan their class reunions. If you are a member of any of these classes and have not heard from anyone about your reunion, please call me. You can help your classmates with this endeavor, and I know they would appreciate hearing from you. Anyone who has attended their class reunion will tell you that it is truly a special treat to renew acquaintances and share memories with your classmates, and it's also a lot of fun to plan the get-togethers, too!

Looking for CPA with a Big Heart

The Office of the Legislative Auditor of Louisiana contacted our office this March to inform us that, under Revised Statute 17:3390, we are required to be audited annually by an independent certified public

accountant. We have always used a bookkeeper to audit our books and prepare our tax forms for the IRS and the state, and this cost about \$150 a year. Bids to do this legislative audit are roughly \$3000! This is a financial burden we had not expected, and it would represent a big chunk out of our budget.

I am asking for help from our alumni. Do you know of a CPA who would be willing to help us out in 2003 with a better rate?

June Breakfast

I hope to see all of you at the Breakfast at the Wyndham Hotel on June 14. Last year we received such nice comments about the food, view and easy parking! Come and join us again and visit with your "old" friends. The Reservation Form is on page 11. ☺

Treasurer's Report

BY URSULA ALLAIN '65

Checking Account Balance

1/1/02	\$50,057
12/31/02	\$56,052*

*Includes \$16,149 in funds dedicated to specific projects

Expenditures

\$38,667

Afghans	1,512
Business Expenses	563
Entertainment	11,325
Executive Director	5,130
Mail Boxes	4,159
Scholarships	3,700
White Cap	9,422
Miscellaneous	2,856

Revenues

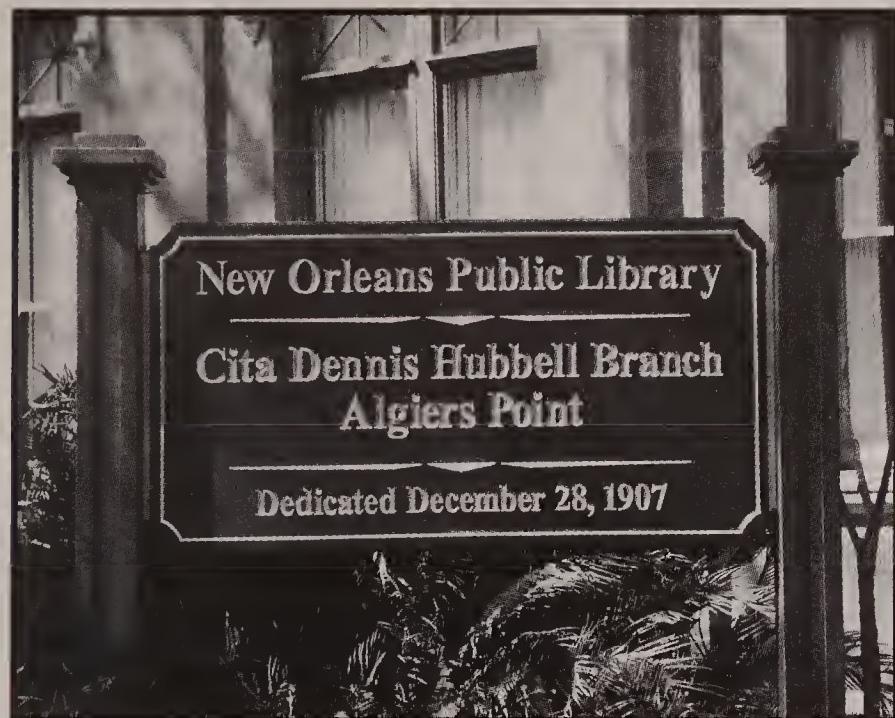
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Afghans	2,390
Alumni Fund	1,802
Director's Plaque	28
Dividends	266
Dues	10,410
50/50	233
Mail Boxes	2,425
Meetings	
February 2002	5,211
June 2002	5,622
February 2003	1,330
Paperweights	393
Scholarship Fund	4,553
Shirts	2,525
Souvenirs	372
White Cap Contributions	3,424
Miscellaneous	2,000

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Algiers Library Dedicated to CHSN Grad

On Friday, February 7, 2003, the Algiers Point Branch of the New Orleans Public Library was re-dedicated as the Cita Dennis Hubbell Branch Library.

Cita Dennis Hubbell grew up in Algiers Point and graduated from Charity Hospital School of Nursing in 1948. She married a Navy man, raised a family, and traveled the United States and the world before returning to New Orleans.

Cita became very active in the community. She served on the board at Holy Name of Mary School and was one of the founding members of the Algiers Point Association. Cita was instrumental in reviving interest in the historic architecture and community values of the neighborhood. She invested her energy, her money and her heart.

Cita is best remembered for leading the campaign to re-open the Algiers Point Library which closed due to severe damage from Hurricane Betsy in 1965. She organized neighbors and community groups, including children, parents and teachers from Algiers schools, in a campaign of letters, petitions, visits to elected officials, and attendance at City Council hearings. Her persistent efforts were successful, and in 1975 the Algiers Point Branch of the New Orleans Public Library re-opened its doors.

Cita passed away in November 2001, and the community to which she gave so generously chose to honor her memory by re-dedicating that library in her name. The February ceremony featured councilmember Jackie Clarkson, representatives from the Mayor's office and New Orleans Public Library,

A WWII Memory

Ruth Clara Wolfe graduated from CHSN in 1939 and died in December 1944. A clipping from the New Orleans Item, date unknown, contained this short article:

Mother Receives Daughter's Medal

Mrs. John N. Wolfe, 5025 Dryades St., yesterday received the Bronze Medal of the American Red Cross on behalf of her daughter, the late Ensign Ruth Clara Wolfe, Navy nurse.

She is one of 233 Army and Navy nurses who died in the line of duty during this past war. The award was accompanied by a letter from Basil O'Connor, national chairman of the American Red Cross, which said that "she gave her life as the soldier gives his on the battlefield. It should comfort you to know that she made a material contribution to the victory achieved by our armed forces." ☗

Picture From the Past

Do you recognize these Charity students? If you think you do, send us their names by mail or e-mail. If you are correct, we will publish YOUR name in the next issue of the Alumni News. Extra credit for guessing the year!



Library Continued

and a host of community leaders. Several of Cita's friends and classmates from Charity were in attendance: RoseJeanne Buccola '49, Sadie H. Harris '48, Martha F. Miller '48, Marie H. Moore '48, and Dione R. Harmon '54. ☗

Pin-Spotting

These Charity Alumni were spotted wearing their Charity pins. Do you wear yours?

Beginning at top of page, left to right: At Pendleton Memorial Medical Hospital in New Orleans, Mildred McClinton Williams '83, Admit Department; Debra Chausse Troutman '89, Cancer Center Patient Care Coordinator; Juan Campos '98, Emergency Department; Nancy Coleman '83, Cardiac Rehab; Patrick Brady '83, Community Health Education; Virginia Richardson '94, Emergency Department; Elren Davis Waddell '73, Clinical Coordinator. Dorothy Paul Kirkpatrick '47 and Nova Chappell Mauthe '47 wear their pins as pendants at Dorothy's Lake Arthur, Louisiana, home. Bonnie Hebert Nolan '73, Donna Blanchard Landry '75, and Marie "Teetsie" Carrier Simoneaux '68, proudly wearing their pins at Assumption Community Hospital in Napoleonville. Many thanks to the shutterbugs who contributed! ☀



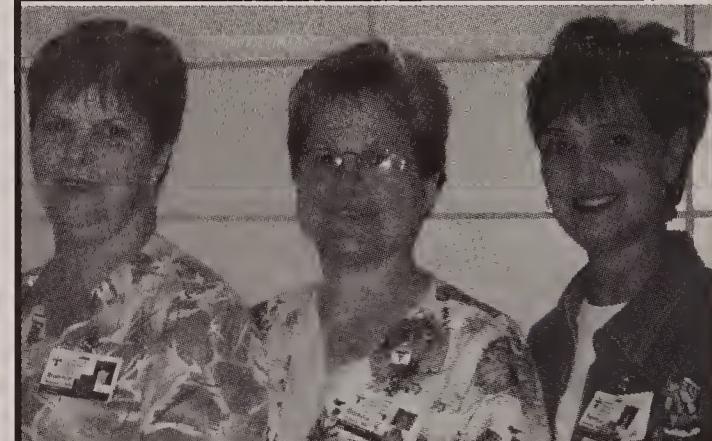
A Pin Story

BY RHONDA ELLSWORTH HANEY '77

I saw the Pin-Spotting article in the last newsletter and it reminded me of an experience that proved how valuable my CHSN pin really is!

My husband was in the U.S. Navy and we moved around quite a bit. We had just returned to Georgia after an overseas assignment and I was getting back into Critical Care after a two and a half year hiatus. The nursing staff in this unit functioned very independently so I was feeling pretty rusty and tentative about my skills after only two weeks back.

One day I was to make rounds with the doctors on my patients, and all of my co-workers warned me about this particular cardiovascular surgeon who was gruff, moody, and always rude to the nursing staff! I was bracing myself for a rocky set of rounds when I met him. He asked for an update on the patient's meds, which I rattled off, and then I filled him in on the usual...vital signs, rhythm, review of systems, labs, etc. When I finished, to my surprise, he tugged at my collar with my CHSN pin and asked, "Did you graduate from Charity in New Orleans?" I responded with a resounding yes, surprised that he had recognized it!



"No wonder you're so good at this," he said, adding, "I have the greatest respect and appreciation for nurses trained there. They are the best I've ever worked with." It turned out that he was a Tulane Medical School alumni who trained at Charity, too.

Needless to say, we were a mutual admiration society from that point forward. I had respect for him, as he did for me. There was never a confrontation between us. I think it softened his attitude in some ways. He often sought me out when making rounds and, of course, my colleagues sent me his way whenever possible! That encounter helped me appreciate the value and stature I had achieved by being part of the *best* School of Nursing.

Thanks, Alma Mater! ☀

Not Such a Dummy

BY MARY I. TROSCLAIR '73

Recent changes in healthcare have resulted in patients spending less time in the hospital. Gone are the days that a medical condition could be presented in the classroom and the students could "walk across the street" and provide care for patients with the problem. In fact, it has become increasingly difficult to secure clinical sites for students that provide consistent, predictable opportunities to learn. Well, that was the way it was up to the year 2003.

Meet the Human Patient Simulator (HPS). The HPS is a new addition to Charity School of Nursing: a full-body model of a human patient. The life-like mannequin exhibits a wide variety of physiologic phenomena such as breathing and lung sounds, and ECG and heart sounds, eyes that blink and pupils that respond to light, palpable pulses, invasive and non-invasive blood pressure, bowel sounds, pedal edema, and many more. The HPS consumes oxygen, produces carbon dioxide, and has measurable arterial blood gases. Faculty can even use a remote microphone to interact with students as the HPS "voice."

The HPS brain is a sophisticated computer that responds to messages from sensors placed throughout the body. Physiological responses are shown to clinical interventions such as CPR, defibrillation, ventilation, and intravenous medication administration. The HPS responds to administration of medications, and detects medication errors. If incorrect actions are taken, the HPS may even "die." Fortunately, rebooting the computer gives students a chance to try again.

Many thanks are extended to Delgado Community College Chancellor Dr. Terry Kelly, whose efforts secured the \$150,000 in funding needed to purchase this state-of-the-art technology. The new home for the HPS, the "Simulator Lab," is currently being built in the Audiovisual Department at the School of Nursing. Once this is completed, the HPS will be assembled and make its debut to the Charity students and faculty. ☀

Reunion News

CLASS OF '53: We are considering an evening dinner get-together the night before the June 2003 Alumni Breakfast. We have spoken to many of you on the phone, but now we need some definite numbers in order to make plans. If you are interested in attending

this reunion on June 13, please contact me right away. We also have rooms available at the Wyndham at a very good price.

June Schmalz Rees, 504-288-9199
6979 Marshall Foch, New Orleans, LA 70124. ☀

Dean's Report

BY PATRICIA EGERS, CSN DEAN

The School of Nursing is bursting at the seams with 520 RN students this semester. In 2001, Delgado was cited as 13th in the number of RN graduates among the 700-plus community colleges with nursing programs in the U.S. We are the largest of the 22 generic Louisiana RN programs. In reviewing numbers, I found that we have increased RN enrollment by 100 students in two years. This is a phenomenal increase, and the faculty has grown in response. Unfortunately, the staff has not increased in size and our goal for the next fiscal year is to obtain more staff to assist with the increased numbers and programs.

The campus also has a practical nursing program that is growing. CSN has had a CNA program for about four years, but now there is a second class for workforce development. These non-traditional students present many challenges and rewards, and these programs, in addition to the increased RN enrollment, have kept us busy. Faculty offices and classrooms are fully occupied.

The school will be at maximum capacity this year but is still being asked to increase enrollment. The only way to accomplish this seems to be to open an evening division. This has been proposed but has a very hefty price tag. Delgado would need approximately 2.3 million new dollars per year to maintain the division.

Dr. Kelly, Chancellor of Delgado, is an enthusiastic supporter of nursing and is working to build a state-of-the-art nursing and allied health building in the medical complex, with parking! We have the oldest nursing building in the state, and parking in our area is worse than when you were in school. We may be contacting the alumni for help in lobbying the legislature for the building, but with state funding as it is, the reality may be long in coming.

We continue to work extremely hard to make the Charity grad the best. Our NCLEX-RN pass rate remains in the 90s, above the national pass rate. Thank you for all that you do to help the school. Even though we have grown, we do welcome the new students into that special Charity family of which you are all members. ☀

Some Things Never Change

BY KIM UDDO

As a clinical instructor at Charity School of Nursing, I take my clinical group of eight to ten senior-level students to the intensive care unit at Kenner Regional Medical Center. It was there, on a typical clinical day, that the students and I met a patient named Evelyn.

Just by virtue of her age, which was 90 years old, she was special. However there was something else that set her apart from other patients. She was one of us. She graduated from Charity Hospital School of Nursing almost seven decades ago.

When I first learned about Evelyn, I wondered if my young clinical students would enjoy the opportunity to speak with a Charity alumna of long ago. The clinical group agreed that it would be a valuable experience to interview Evelyn, if she would consent to it. One of the students, Tara Alexander, was especially excited about this project because she loved the stories she heard from her own maternal grandmother.

I approached Evelyn and explained that my students wanted to meet her. She agreed and, shortly afterward, eight youthful student nurses filled her ICU room with friendly smiles and eager curiosity.

Evelyn was sitting up in her bed, a cheerful, petite woman with short gray hair neatly framing the porcelain skin of her face. She seemed delighted to chat with the students.

Tara: When did you graduate from Charity Hospital School of Nursing?

Evelyn: 1933, during the Depression.

Simone: Where did you work?

Evelyn: I worked as an industrial nurse for Aetna for about the first five years after I graduated.

Michelle: What did you get paid?

Evelyn: I can't remember. It wasn't much because of the Depression.

Bridget: Was the nursing profession a popular career decision?

Evelyn: Yes, because you could make money.

Tara: So why did you choose to become a nurse?

Evelyn: Well, I graduated from high school. I needed to find some way to make a living. I had to make money. I had to do something. I went to nursing school.

Evelyn suddenly looked curious.

Evelyn: Why did YOU go to nursing school?
Kim: (laughing) I graduated from high school... I had to make money... I had to do something. I went to nursing school.

The whole room broke into laughter.

Evelyn: (laughing) That's the best thing I've heard you say.
Tara: So was your family supportive of your decision to go to nursing school?
Evelyn: Oh, my mother almost made me go. She insisted that I go. Plus, I had an older sister that went to nursing school. I even had a younger sister that went too.
Kim: What about your father?
Evelyn: He died when I was a small child.
Michelle: What was the nursing program like back then?
Evelyn: It was different from what it's like today.
Amy: What did your uniform look like?
Evelyn: We were the last class to wear the striped uniform dress with the white apron.
Amy: Did you have to wear a cap?
Evelyn: Yes, we always wore the cap.
Kim: Did you stay in touch with the alumni association?
Evelyn: Yes, I always sent them a check.
Tara: Do you remember the courses being hard?
Evelyn: Well, if you had a strict instructor it was hard.
Tara: Were there men in your nursing class?
Evelyn: No, no men.
Tara: We have two men in our class.
Evelyn: (laughing) Well, God help them.
Michelle: Did you live in the dorm?
Evelyn: Yes.
Tara: What did you do to have fun?
Evelyn: Honey, we didn't have fun.
Tara: (laughing) Some things never change.

Accolades of laughter voiced unanimous agreement with the last statement.

The students and I asked Evelyn if we could take a group photo and she agreed, so I contacted the hospital's public relations department and requested the photo. The public relations director was also intrigued by Evelyn's story, and we started talking about the

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Never Change *Continued*

possibility of newspaper coverage. But Evelyn would not agree to having her picture in the paper. All of her life, Evelyn's mother had warned, "Never put your picture in the newspaper; something bad will happen if you do."

In celebration of our last clinical day, the clinical group went out to lunch. Tara sat across the table from me and our conversation kept turning to Evelyn. Tara wondered where Evelyn went to high school, what her sisters were like, and did she practice strange Depression era habits like Tara's own grandmother? (To this day, Tara's grandmother washes and reuses paper towels.)

I was wondering how Evelyn's mother managed, raising her daughters without the help of their father? Could one live well on a nursing salary in 1933? Did Evelyn view her work as a career or a job? What was Charity Hospital like in the 1930s?

Though Tara and I realized that we had learned very little about Evelyn, we did find out a lot about each other. We talked about our grandparents, parents, our lives, the high schools we attended, and whose grandparents endured the most hardship. (Her grandmother rode the trolley, my grandmother rode a mule.)

Tara returned to the nursing school and located the graduation poster from 1933 on the first floor of the school. Through the layers of dust and fingerprints, she found Evelyn's portrait with her white cap.

Meanwhile, I bumped into Doris Burvant, the Alumni Association Executive Director, and mentioned Evelyn's story. Ten minutes later, Doris appeared in my office with Evelyn's oval, sepia photograph. There was that sweet face, only seventy years younger. I smiled because I so easily recognized her.

I learned that Evelyn graduated from Dominican, a Catholic girls' school in New Orleans. Remarkably, Tara graduated from the same high school. Evelyn's history had sparked enormous interest in the entire clinical group, but Tara's interest was obviously the strongest. Was her meeting Evelyn purely coincidental or was it pre-destined?

Whatever the reason that brought all of us together, Evelyn was an inspiration to these young nursing students, especially to Tara, who is just days away from graduation. History helps guide us in today's changing world, but we can all agree, "Some things just never change."

Thank you, Evelyn. ☙

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Lafayette Volunteers

BY JENNY D. LANGLINAIS '50

After completing full and rewarding careers as nurses, there were at least four CHSN graduates who knew that whatever else retirement had to offer, it would include volunteer nursing and community service. That commitment led to a reunion 50-plus years after graduation for Rita LeBlanc Dutt '47, Bebe Holladay Falgout '50, Celina Machin Haynie '51, and Jenny Delahoussaye Langlinais '50. We were reunited in a volunteer capacity at the Lafayette Community Health Care Clinic in Lafayette, Louisiana, a non-profit clinic providing free medical, pharmaceutical and dental care for the working, low-to-moderate income, uninsured residents of Lafayette Parish.

In addition to our volunteer nursing, Rita and I have developed a fundraising project for the clinic. We make decorator pillows in the shape of butterflies, the clinic's mascot, with all proceeds from the sales of the pillows benefitting the clinic. Since we began the project, we have raised over \$20,000.

Rita, Bebe, Celina and I all agree that while CHSN taught us to be good nurses, many of the lessons we learned were far more valuable in other ways that have enriched our lives. Through volunteering we are able to continue enriching the lives of others. We all join together in saying, "Never retire! A nurse's work is never done and there are always important ways to use our knowledge and skills to help others."

If you are in the Lafayette area, please stop by for a visit at the clinic, 1317 Jefferson Street. We would love to see you! ☺

Alumni News & Notes

Paula Kensler '79 was named 2003 Mentor of the Year at the Louisiana Nightingale Award ceremony on January 18 in Baton Rouge.

Trilby Barnes '86, President/CEO of Medi-Lend Nursing Services, is one of 15 New Orleanians featured in Success Guide 2003, which profiles leaders in business, culture and community life.

Jacqueline Sue Henry Terrell '67 is working as a clinical research coordinator at a private endocrine office in St. Louis. She is certified in research and does pharmaceutical company studies on volunteers.

Rosemary Hathorn Holmes '62, retired from Pinecrest Developmental Center and from the U.S. Air Force Reserve Nurse Corps as a Lt. Colonel, having

served her country for 22 years. Rosemary still works part-time as a nurse, but enjoys travel and having more time to spend with family and friends.

Rhonda Ellsworth Haney '77, RN, BSN, is a Legal Nurse Consultant working as an independent consultant with attorneys who specialize in malpractice, personal injury, and workers compensation law.

Annie Laura Taylor Stewart '46 lives in Nashville, TN, with her husband Lee, and close to many of her children and grandchildren. Though she has slowed down by Parkinson's disease she fondly recalls her days at Charity and would like to hear from classmates at stewartlw@home.com.

Jennifer Robinson '80 is finishing her second year at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, working on her PhD in Nursing Science. She is currently on a leave of absence from the faculty of Southeastern Louisiana University School of Nursing where she teaches at the foundation level.

Karen C. Duncan '79 is an attorney with Frilot, Partridge, Kohnke & Clements in New Orleans, primarily defending medical product liability claims and professional malpractice liability claims.

Donna Shields '75 was a finalist in the NurseWeek magazine 2002 Nursing Excellence Awards. Donna is the head nursing executive at Chalmette Medical Center. ☺

Reunion News

CLASS OF '73: It's been 30 years!! Where have all the years gone? It seems like just yesterday we stood on stage at McAllister Auditorium with great hopes and aspirations in our hearts. Let's meet to share stories and great memories of our Charity roots. We are planning an informal gathering at a local restaurant/lounge during the weekend of the June '03 Alumni Breakfast. We'd like to know if you'd be able to join us. Please e-mail either of us so that we can tell you the location, date and time. Hope to hear from everyone even if you can't attend. Send us a message from you that we can share. Thanks!

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Alumni Breakfast

Saturday, June 14, 2003

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Clip the form and mail it in! Post the top of the page to remind you about the Breakfast!

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Address: _____ City, State: _____ Zip: _____

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2003 CALENDAR

- Sat., June 14
Alumni Breakfast
- Sat., June 14
Board Meeting
following Breakfast
- Tues., Sept. 16
Board Meeting 3pm
- Fri., Sept. 26
Deadline for
Newsletter submissions
- Tues., Oct. 21
and Wed., Oct. 22
Newsletter Mailing
Workday 9am to 4pm
- Tues., Dec. 16
Board Meeting 3pm

Your Voices

We want to hear our alumni answer the following question:

**What was the
most important thing
you learned in nursing school?**

Your response can be serious or funny, specific to nursing practice, or a life lesson. Drop us a postcard, send us a note, or e-mail us. We will print as many responses as we can in the next issue of *The White Cap*, and the writer of our favorite answer will receive a special gift.

Here's our first submission, to get you inspired:

"If the OB instructor did not like you, then all you got to do in OB was give enemas. It took me a long time to realize that there was much more to OB and to life. But I learned in nursing school that if you are not liked by the people you work with or live with, then life is just one big enema detail."

Peggy Ditta '72 ☀

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From the President

Our Board of Directors continues to think of better ways to serve our alumni. This year, we are offering a Continuing Education presentation immediately after our February luncheon. We have a wonderful workshop called "Healing the Healer," given by Claudia Gordon '68, and you can earn one CE credit. What could be more convenient? Have lunch with friends and stay for a one-hour class. See page 4 for details about "Healing the Healer" and page 5 to register for the luncheon and the CE credit. Hope to see you there!

Doris and I participate in the career days offered at the school. There are a host of opportunities out there for the new graduates as well as experienced nurses. Many choices are available for those of you thinking about returning to nursing or who may wish to change specialties. We heard of a \$5000 signing bonus for a two-year contract, and even a car as a bonus to come to a nearby country hospital.

Colleges are also represented at the career days. Some offer flexible programs for the RN-to-BSN and for MSN. The Navy has a program to help you work toward the BSN you need to join them.

The Association continues to provide breakfast for the incoming freshman class - 94 strong this fall! - on their orientation day in August and again in January. Our regular gang of Ursula Allain, Doris Burvant, Bobbie Bartee, Diane Angelico, May Juan and I are a team ready to serve the new students. We want them to know that our graduates continue to be highly sought after. Our next event will be a luncheon for the graduating seniors in the last week of November.

We are already looking forward to the Homecoming celebration in 2005. Lista Hank '97 has accepted the chairmanship for this event scheduled for October 2005. The Homecoming Committee is open to any interested alumni who would like to help plan, organize or volunteer

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Picture from the Past

Do you recognize these Charity students? If you think you do, send us their names by mail or e-mail. If you are correct, we will publish YOUR name in the next issue of Alumni News. Extra credit for guessing the year and location. See page 3 for the identities of our last "Picture from the Past" subjects, and the winners!

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Greetings from the Executive Director

This newsletter is only sent to members of the Association who are up to date with their dues. Thank you for being an active member of this organization! I only wish I could get more members to renew their membership. If your path crosses an alumnus please ask them if they have sent their dues and their change of address to the office. In the past year we have lost at least 200 members. They have moved and did not notify us about their change of address.

I am still working on the directory. Please send your e-mail address to me if you want it included. By the way, the Alumni Association's e-mail address is csnalumni@dcc.edu.

Please notice on page 6 the names of alumni who are missing from the classes scheduled for reunions in 2004. If you know where these lost souls are hiding, please let me know. I am also looking for alumni who are willing to plan the reunion for their own classes. It's not that difficult! Call me if you think you might be interested. Lillian Lascale and Ruth Wallace have already agreed to plan their class party. Thanks, ladies!

Yea! Yea! All the mailboxes that were ordered have been mailed. Happy days are here again!! You can still order - it is not too late. Just think, the ones who order now will not have to wait a year!

The constitution and by-laws of the CHSN Alumni Association had not been reviewed and revised in years, but with the help of Cheryl Crouse and her committee, that mission has been accomplished. The



Board of Directors is asking that you review the proposed constitution and by-law changes on page 7 and 8 of this newsletter. At the February luncheon, the active alumni present will vote to accept, reject or amend the revisions. Just one more good reason to come to the luncheon!

Speaking of the luncheon, the reservation form is on page 5. We are trying a new venue, the Wyndham-Metairie, next door to the Galleria off of South Causeway Blvd. Free parking is convenient in their garage! Mark your calendar for February 7, 2004, and send in your reservations today! And while you're filling that form out, now is a good time for you to renew your membership!

Finally, but most important, we have eight members of our alumni who have agreed to place their name on the ballot for either the board or the nomination committee. They have agreed to give of their time to serve the organization and YOU! So please take some time and vote. The ballot has to be received by December 12, 2003, to be included in the count. We do not have hanging chads, so vote!

I hope you have a wonderful holiday. I am looking forward to seeing each of you at the luncheon.

Doris Burvant
Executive Director

From the President

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for this weekend of fun and friendship and memories. If you are interested in being involved, please contact Lista at listahank@netscape.net or call or write the Alumni Office.

The place you live is never neutral - it becomes a part of you. This is true for those of us who lived in the residence hall as well as the day-students who have come in for classes in our educational building. When we leave, we are composed of knowledge, memories, war stories, and a sophistication we carry for the rest of our lives. In other words, we have an edge. CHSN and CSN nurses are highly praised for

the special traits we possess. Maybe it can be explained as confidence.

Finally, we are all united in medicine, and in our Charity experiences, but many of us forget to remember the alumni association. Doris and I and the Board of Directors love to get your letters. I'm still waiting for the letters from those of you who have never shared your news and remembrances with us. Write your past for your future, as well as ours. And please renew your membership in the Alumni Association.

Suzzy Andry
President, CHSNAA



The Class of '53, left, and Class of '78, below, celebrated reunions at the February 2003 Breakfast.



The Most Important Thing I Learned in Nursing School

Joycelyn Jaskot Kendrick '55: Richard Gere, when asked what was the most important thing he had learned from the Dalai Lama, answered, "That anything I do that's motivated by my personal enrichment leads to suffering for me, while anything that enriches the happiness of someone else makes me happy." The Sisters of Charity, through nursing, gave me a happy life. They taught me endurance, perseverance, determination, to question, logical thinking - all qualities that have served me well throughout my life.

Connie Young Imhoff '65: I fractured my leg one afternoon running to class, and ended up in a cast. All my buddies signed and drew faces on the cast and it looked really cool. When I reported for duty the next morning, my instructor didn't think it was so cool. She gave me an ultimatum, get it clean or don't come back until next semester. My roommate Woessi and I scrubbed, bleached, and shoe-polished that cast, and still it would not come clean.. It just so happened that renovations were going on. I took some of the ceiling plaster and replastered that miserable cast. It was sparkling white and my instructor was happy.

However, the most important thing I learned in nursing school is that ceiling plaster and plaster of paris are not the same. When it was time to remove the cast, the ER tried three different cast cutters and none would budge that cast. I finally told the doctor the story. The cast had to be removed with a hammer and chisel!

Carolyn Bishop Castleman '58: The most important thing I learned as a nursing student was tolerance and empathy. Being a student at CHSN in the 50s was a time of strict segregation. But my time in the "colored" ortho wing of Charity taught me so much. I loved those patients! Their good humor and appreciation of life made me realize that the same creator made all of us, and I learned to appreciate all people. I have carried that lesson with me throughout my travels in this country and around the world, and as

a 22-year veteran trip leader for the Sierra Club, I have strived to impart this personal philosophy to my family and my trip members whether in Africa or Arizona. ☰

Alumni News

Patricia Pellittieri '88 was named Employee of the Year at Chalmette Medical Center.

Mary Ann Moody '92 was among the 20-year employees presented with commemorative plaques at the River Parishes Hospital 20th Anniversary Celebration and Health Fair.

Father Louis Myers is a patient at Memorial Medical Center - Mercy campus, 301 Jeff Davis Pkwy, N.O., LA 70119. Please include him in your prayers.

Pictures From the Past

Now, the answer you have all been waiting for! Who were those Charity bathing beauties pictured in the 2003 White Cap?

According to Louise Rue Stenberg, who sent us the photo, it was 1955 at one of the annual picnics at Twin Oaks when **Clare Cannon, Anita Cantor, Rita Jo Neary, and Honore Wright** were snapped while sunbathing.

The winners of our guessing contest were **Ellen Beach Ruiz '55, Rita Jo Neary Ellsworth '55** (who writes, "I was surprised to see me in the picture!"), and **Pauline Carter Kris '55** (who writes, "Thanks for the memories.") We want to thank all of you who wrote with your guesses!

Everyone seemed to be stumped by the photo in the Fall 2002 Alumni News. The students seated in front of the residence hall were: **Rosemary Martine, Denise DeJean, Olga Champagne, Ravenell Decoteau, Ann Darcy, and Gladys Beaton.** ☰



Continuing Education for Alumni

Healing the Healer:

A Tool for Self Assessment

Saturday, February 7, 2004 1:30 to 2:30pm

Immediately following the Alumni Luncheon at the Wyndham-Metairie

SPEAKER: Claudia H. Gordon, RN, MN

Consider the needs of the person who is the nurse... Is this so far fetched, to think that caretakers have needs too? The stress of juggling job, relationship, and life can leave little time for the needs of the person who is many things to many people.

This one-hour Continuing Education program provides the nurse with a personal assessment tool for identifying the effects of stress on the body, the mind, and the spirit, and identifies three (3) specific strategies to de-stress and create the environment for healing of the body, the mind and the spirit.

Register to attend this presentation by filling out the reservation form for the February 2004 Luncheon on page 5. The cost is \$10.00

TARGET AUDIENCE:

Nurses and anyone in a primary care-taking role.

OBJECTIVES:

- ❑ Develop a self-assessment tool that nurses can use for personal growth.
- ❑ Identify 3 strategies for self-nurturing and self-care at work and at home.
- ❑ Participate in a stress-relieving exercise.

SPEAKER:

Claudia H. Gordon, a 1968 Charity graduate, is an RN with a Master's Degree and 35 years experience in a variety of health care settings. She established Apple Wisdom LLC in 1999 with a mission to focus on Stress Management, Life Skills Strategies and Health. Claudia is a lecturer, educator and practitioner who is currently an Associate Professor at Charity School of Nursing/Delgado Community College, researching the effects of stress on test performance.

The Charity School of Nursing Continuing Education Program has been approved as a provider of continuing education in nursing by the Louisiana State Nurses association for the period of May 6, 2003, through May 31, 2006. LSNA is accredited as an approver of continuing education in nursing by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

Attention Educators: Continuing Education Workshop Issues Related to Clinical Deficiencies

Although clinical educators have a legal, ethical, and professional responsibility to evaluate students clinical performance to ensure safe practitioners, many are reluctant to fail those who do not meet established standards of practice. This workshop will provide practical approaches to help clinical educators deal with this very sensitive issue.

This workshop is designed for educators and preceptors who monitor and evaluate nursing and allied health students during their clinical experiences. Participants successfully completing this program will be awarded 5.4 contact hours.

December 12, 2003, 8:00am to 3:30pm

Speaker: Mabel Smith, PhD, RN, JD

Presented by Charity School of Nursing Continuing Education Program, Delgado Community College

Early Registration (before 11/12/03): \$75

After 11/12/03: \$90. Registration Deadline: Dec. 10.

To register for this workshop or for more information, please contact Cindy Givens at 504-568-6462 or cgiven@dcc.edu. If you need any services identified in the American Disabilities Act, please notify Ms. Givens no later than December 10.



CHARITY HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING ALUMNI LUNCHEON AND CE WORKSHOP SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2004 AT THE WYNDHAM-METAIRIE

4 Galleria Blvd in Metairie (S. Causeway at I-10) 504-837-6707 Free parking!!

LUNCHEON: Registration/Cash Bar opens at 10:30am, Luncheon Served at 11:30am

Cost: \$32.00 per person

MENU: Tomato Basil Soup, Salad, Pecan Crusted Catfish or Tournedos of Beef, Chef's Vegetables, Potatoes, New York Style Cheesecake with Fresh Fruit, Iced Tea, Coffee

CE WORKSHOP: "Healing the Healer" with Claudia H. Gordon, RN, MN

1:30pm to 2:30pm immediately following the luncheon.

See Page 3 for details. Cost \$10.00 per person (1 CE credit)

----- Cut here! Keep the top part and post it on your refrigerator to remind you! -----

CHSNAA ALUMNI LUNCHEON & CE WORKSHOP RESERVATION FORM

Deadline for reservations is February 2, 2004.

You may mail this order form along with your ballot, but in order to keep your vote private, please do not enclose in ballot envelope.

Name _____

First name _____ Maiden/graduating name _____ Last name _____

Class of: _____ Spouse's Name: _____

First name or initials _____

Address: _____

Zip: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____

Guest Name: _____

For Name Tag

I'LL SEE YOU AT THE LUNCHEON:

Number of people _____ @ \$32 each.....\$ _____

CHOICE OF ENTREE _____ Pecan Crusted Catfish OR
_____ Tournedos of Beef

I WILL ATTEND "HEALING THE HEALER" FOR 1 CE CREDIT:

Number of people _____ @ \$10 each.....\$ _____

I WANT TO RENEW MY ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES:

- \$15 Regular Membership
- \$25 Blue Ribbon Membership
- \$50 Silver Star Membership
- \$100 Sr. Stanislaus Membership
- Sustaining Membership: a one-time gift of \$500 (and you never pay dues again).

I WANT TO CONTRIBUTE TO:

The White Cap Fund.....\$ _____
The Alumni Fund.....\$ _____
The Scholarship Fund.....\$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED:

Enclosed is my check for.....\$ _____

Make checks payable to, and mail to:
CHSN Alumni Association, 450 S. Claiborne Ave,
New Orleans, LA 70112



REUNION ALERT



The year 2004 will represent these milestones for the following Charity Hospital School of Nursing classes:
Class of '54 - 50 years; Class of '59 - 45 years;
Class of '64 - 40 years; Class of '74 - 30 years;
Class of '79 - 25 years; Class of '84 - 20 years;
Class of '94 - 10 years.

What a great time to have a class reunion! If you want to help plan your class reunion, or be involved in

any way, please contact us at the Alumni Office. We will put you in touch with other members of your class who want to make it happen too!

Contact us at: CHSN Alumni Association,
 450 S. Claiborne Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70112.
 The Alumni Office phone is 504-568-6372. The CSN fax is 504-568-5494. E-mail: csnalumni@dcc.edu

LOST ALUMNI

Please contact the Alumni Office if you can help us locate these missing members of the following classes:

Class of 1954
 June King Ashworth
 Dorothy Darnell Ayre
 Carolyn Turner Barker
 Elizabeth Barker
 Helen Block
 Joyce Galy Bragoz
 Joan Jordan Brooks
 Edith Calhoun
 Flora Funk Chase
 Joan Simmons Cole
 Frances Williamson Culpepper
 May Campbell Depew
 Barbara Barre Duvernay
 Jacky Hill Everett
 Marquerit Lamar Fellman
 Mary French
 Elizabeth Larosa Girling
 Beryl Kuhlman Grimes
 Sarah Briscoe Hanlon
 Barbara Nicodemus Hatfield
 Barbara Cunningham Hobbs
 Jeannette Manuel
 Louise Schneider McCool
 Sarah Clark McCoy
 Helen McCrary
 Elsie Maud Turner O'Dwyer
 Louise Jones Pinard
 Joyce LaFleur Prejean
 Helen Tate Rasmussen
 Judith Craige Robinson
 Mary Royal
 Margaret Burnett Senne

Marilou Trautman Sherwoods
 Kathleen Kennedy Sloan
 Jeanne Orillion St. Raymond
 Mary C. Scavo Timken
 Carolyn King Upp
 Julie Savoie White
 Nita Wilson

Class of 1959
 Sybil Boudreaux Barclay
 Martha Nelson Landry
 Betty Enga Lokey
 Jerris Groves Ramirez
 Zulema Flores Smith

Class of 1964
 Patricia Sturm Barbay
 Jeanette Adams Berry
 Virginia Isbell Block
 Ester Olivier Bourg
 Jean Mead Conklin
 Vera Hoyt Copeland
 Geraldine Bourgeois Daigle
 Judith Drawdy Dehays
 Judith Fontenot Delmartini
 Mary Winders Drott
 Penelope Munster Dryton
 Sandra Dufour Dupuy
 Evelyn Villapando Flores
 Brenda Crochet Hughes
 Patricia Ferguson Lawless
 Sandra Horn Liberty
 Judy Macias
 Linda Kay Maund
 Nancy McDonald
 Paula Gallagher Mooney
 Frances Giddings Mullens
 Nellie Marie Naquin
 Rita Daniel O'Donnell
 Priscilla Ramsey Rodosta
 Kathryn Kirking Schmuelgen
 Alice Jean Taber
 Carol Chauff Temento

Class of 1974
 Barbara Burckhardt
 Bruce Calamari
 Lisa Falcon Foster
 Sandra Gilibert Haas
 Karen Dillon Helwig
 Shirley Murphy Kulas
 Cynthia Cole Mamrsh
 Stephanie Powell Mikula
 Cynthia Reynolds Oelking
 Suzanne Olivier
 Suzette Gomez Roustell
 Roseann Sellers Rudd
 Mary Savoy
 Linda Isom Turk
 Patricia Moscovis Villien
 Jean Burton Yarborough
 Mary Johnson Zoll

Class of 1979
 William Borne
 Pamela Buggage
 Venita Cox Bynum
 E. Jane Laswell Callender
 Marlene Cannon
 Monica Beres Forgotson
 Janice Aucoin Garrido
 Sheila Hardie Glatzmayer
 Elizabeth Bernard Gober
 Helen Lewis Keane
 Roxanne Roy King
 Kirk LeVasseur
 Peggy Broussard Lurette
 Sylvia Arnona Marino
 Carolyn Marseilles
 Bonnie Chastain Martin
 Sara Berry Mason
 Shirley French McBaryer
 Kathleen McCarthy
 Carol Delana Marcantel Miller
 Linda Nixon
 Sandra Robertson Williams
 Deborah Washington Wilson
 Donna Perry Wolfanger

Michael Yates
 Nancye Zimmer

Class of 1984
 JoAnne Prunty Ater
 Ellen Olivier Barton
 Lawrence Carlin
 Lisa Gautreau Cerniglia
 Dorothy Cottrell Christman
 Samuel Christman
 Adrienne Daboval Daugherty
 Priscila Rodriguez Ferrand
 Pamela Harrell
 Susan Boudreux Hill
 Beatrice Smith Kennedy
 Sharon Keyes
 Ruth Kimmons
 Brenda Korner
 Jean Nicklen
 Leonard Strehle II
 Lisa Hensley Weiss

Class of 1994
 Bettina Schreiner Alexander
 Adorian Boudreux Ancar
 Kimberly Farley Bost
 Li-Chuan Kung Chao
 Huey Cleggett
 Joyce Jones Foley
 Andrea Jan Gee
 Karen Giesemann
 Dawn Rulapaugh Gregore
 Anita Perez Levine
 Veronica Langan Marr
 Deana Heisserer Myer
 Rhonda O'Neil
 Patricia Nicolich Richard
 Hydredecin Hawkins Robertson
 Jeanne Salaun Robichaux
 Genevieve Oye San Andres
 Dawn Sharp
 Anna Zuniga Simon
 John Smith
 Stephanie Sutton

Proposed Constitution and By-Laws Changes

The following are the proposed changes to the CHSNA constitution and by-laws as approved by the board of directors at their meeting on September 16, 2003. Most of the changes are for clarification, or to codify customary practices of the association. The passages to be changed are italicized, and followed by the proposed change and rationale. The active members present at the February luncheon will be asked to vote to approve these changes.

Constitution

Article II

The objective of this association is to provide opportunities for its members to:

A. promote professional development and fellowship within the membership, and

B. *advance the interests of the school*

CHANGE: advance the interests of the student body and faculty of the School of Nursing.

RATIONALE: Clarification.

Article III Section 3

Honorary Membership may be conferred upon persons who the members wish to honor *for service to the alumni association.*

CHANGE: for service to the student body and/or alumni association.

RATIONALE: To expand criteria.

Article IV Section 1

The annual meeting *shall be held in January on a date established by the board of directors.*

CHANGE: shall be held following the luncheon on a date established by the board of directors.

RATIONALE: To allow flexibility in setting the date.

Article IV Section 4

Special meetings of the board of directors *may be called by the president.*

CHANGE: may be called by the executive director and/or president or president-elect.

RATIONALE: To provide for unavailability of president.

By-Laws

Article II Section 4

A. If a vacancy occurs prior to election, the board of directors shall fill the vacancy *by appointment.*

CHANGE: by appointment from the Association.

RATIONALE: Clarification.

C. An officer or board member who misses more than two board meetings *asked to resign.*

CHANGE: may be asked to resign.

RATIONALE: Clarification.

Article II Section 5

The board of directors shall consist of the president, the president-elect, the secretary, the treasurer, *and elected board members.*

CHANGE: four elected board members, and the chairman of the nominating committee.

RATIONALE: To codify the number of board members, and to allow voting privileges for the chairman of the nominating committee.

Article II Section 6

The president shall invite students to alumni activities.

CHANGE: The president shall invite students and guests to alumni activities.

RATIONALE: Clarification.

Article II Section 8

The secretary shall:

A. *Notify officers of their election and notify committee members of their appointment.*

CHANGE: Delete the statement.

RATIONALE: Duty reassigned to the nominating committee chairman.

B. *Notify board members of the date, time and place of business meetings.*

CHANGE: Delete the statement.

RATIONALE: Duty reassigned to another board position.

Article II Section 9

The treasurer shall:

C. *Keep record of money received and dispersed.*

CHANGE:

C. Keep record of money received and dispersed, and reconcile debts associated with annual meeting.

RATIONALE: Clarification of duties.

I. Submit records annually *to accountant for preparation of IRS returns.*

CHANGE: to CPA for preparation of IRS returns and audits.

RATIONALE: Clarification.

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Proposed Constitution and By-Laws Changes

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Article II Section 11

B. The Executive Director shall have activities related to administration, the board, alumni, students, *and the school.*

CHANGE: and school administration.

RATIONALE: Clarification.

The Executive Director shall:

1h. *Maintain alumni records* (computer and file cards).

CHANGE: maintain and update alumni records.

RATIONALE: Clarification of duties.

3e. Notify the president of the distribution of the votes in each election.

CHANGE: Delete this statement.

RATIONALE: Duty reassigned to the nominating committee.

Article III Section 1A

The board shall approve membership of the standing committees from the list of active members seeking appointment *to standing committees.*

CHANGE: Delete this passage.

RATIONALE: To omit redundancy.

Article III Section 1B

Elections: two nominating committee members are elected annually by the membership.

CHANGE: This passage to become Section 2 (and to renumber subsequent Sections 2 through 8 as Sections 3 through 9.)

RATIONALE: Clarification.

Article III Section 6 (formally 5, see Section 1 above)

The constitution and by-laws committee... shall:

A. Provide for review of constitution and by-laws and make recommendations for revisions *to the board of directors.*

CHANGE: to the board of directors every five years or as needed.

RATIONALE: To codify a time frame for review of the constitution and by-laws.

C. After approval by the board, the chairman of the constitution and by-laws committee shall submit the proposed amendments *to the Executive Director* for

action by the membership.

CHANGE: to the board of directors for action by the membership.

RATIONALE: To reassign this duty to the board of directors.

Article III Section 8 (formally 7, see Section 1 above)

The nominating committee ...shall:

D. Submit the ballot with biographical data for each nominee *to the Executive Director by October 15th of each year.*

CHANGE: to the Executive Director by the fall mailing of the newsletter.

RATIONALE: To codify association custom.

Article III Section 9 (formally 8, see Section 1 above)

The scholarship committee... shall:

A. *Recommend criteria to the board for scholarship recipients.*

CHANGE: Addition of this statement.

RATIONALE: Addition of this duty to the scholarship committee.

Article IV Section 2

C. The voting members of the association shall receive a list of nominees for election and a biographical sketch of each of the nominees *no later than December 1st and returned by December 15th.*

CHANGE: with the fall newsletter.

RATIONALE: To codify association custom.

E. *Ballots are destroyed as directed by the association at the Annual Meeting.*

CHANGE: Addition of this statement.

RATIONALE: To codify association custom.

Article V Section 1

Two officers and twenty-five members shall constitute a quorum *for the transaction of business at any meeting.*

CHANGE: for the transaction of business at any meeting of the association.

RATIONALE: Clarification.

Article IX Section 1

This constitution and by-laws may be amended at any annual or regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the active members who are present, provided a copy of the proposed amendment *have been sent to each member at least ten days before the meeting.*

CHANGE: has been sent to each active member at least ten days before the meeting.

RATIONALE: Clarification. ☰

THE

Charity Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association

WHITE CAP

Volume 36 Spring 2004

From the President

BY SUZY H. ANDRY '59

Spring is here and Doris and I are popping more ideas than the azalea bushes are popping blossoms!

Our summer breakfast is traveling to the suburbs where we are planning a lovely time at Andrea's Restaurant. Andrea's staff works hard to accommodate us, plus the parking lot offers easy access to the restaurant. Pull out the breakfast registration form on page 11 and tack it to your refrigerator or bulletin board right now! Or better yet, sit down, write out your check, and put it in the mail today!

Our first experiment with offering a CE hour after the February Luncheon was a big hit. It was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by those of us who took advantage of the opportunity. Flush with success, we are offering another CE after the June Breakfast, to be presented by Karen Chabert '77. Karen has been a state and national force in creating the Forensic Nurse specialty, and she is a delightful speaker, full of facts and humor. Look for more information on the workshop on page 10.

January found us hosting our alumni association sponsored breakfast for this semester's incoming freshmen class and our luncheon for the graduating seniors. We served a continental breakfast to 184 freshmen, and 174 seniors enjoyed a lunch buffet of salads and sandwiches. Both classes were very cordial and may now understand that we are an alumni association that needs them in the future.

Homecoming 2005 is on the planning board! It is scheduled for October 8, 2005. The board has decided to move our annual winter luncheon (usually held in January or February) to April 2005. The summer breakfast (usually held in June) will be moved to the Homecoming weekend. This will reduce the administrative load on the

alumni office, and allow us to make each event extra special.

Our Homecoming dream is to hold a Saturday night reception at the National D-Day Museum. It would be such a memorable event and a celebration of our Nurse Cadet alumni. The fee to hold an event at the D-Day Museum is \$3,500. Catering and other charges would be on top of that. We are looking for sponsors to help us defray the cost. This is a perfect opportunity for a business or individual to make a donation that supports two great causes: the D-Day museum and the Charity Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association. We need an "angel" - do you have any ideas or contacts? Please give us a call!

Mark your calendar for the breakfast on June 12, 2004, and for Homecoming Weekend on October 8, 2005. We hope to see you all there! ☺

Left to right: Joyce Hale Burns '46 and Anne Marie Rogers '46 visit at the February 2004 Luncheon; Claudia Gordon '68 was the CE presenter after lunch.



From the Executive Director

BY DORIS BURVANT '60

Charity Hospital School of Nursing alumni and their families have been very generous this year! Please be sure to read the articles in this issue about **Lynne Boesinger Mary '63 and Mary Ann Signorelli Whynot '46**. I know that the administration, faculty and students are so grateful for the special generosity of these families. Our alumni have a wonderful way of "stepping up to the plate" to help the school in times of need. Thank you!

You thought that they had disappeared! Well, they're still here! **Afghans** are again available in the alumni office for purchase. The cost with shipping is \$55.00.

It is not too late to purchase a **Mail Box Bank**. They are still just \$84.00. We are getting ready to ship the last couple of pre-ordered banks, but we have asked our craftsman make a few extra so they will be available with no waiting list. See page 11 to order.

Reunions! Reunions! Reunions!

I am always encouraging alumni to hold their class reunions. Anyone who has attended their class reunion will tell you what a joyful experience it is. Attention Class of 1954: please notice the article in this issue from Lillian Lescale. I also understand that Judith Quigley is planning the reunion for the Class of 1964. I am still looking for someone to organize the reunions for the classes of 1974, 1984 and 1994. If you want to be involved in planning YOUR class reunion, call me at the alumni office and I'll help get you started. This is the time for you to renew old acquaintances!

Keep In Touch!

When you move or change your name, please notify the Alumni Office. We lose 200 to 300 alumni each year because we do not have a current address. We don't want to lose YOU! Please continue to send your letters to the alumni office. We love to hear what you are doing, and we try to include as much news as we can in the *Alumni News* or *The White Cap*. All alumni are welcome to submit articles for publication. These can be about unusual alumni activities, memories of the school, interviews, history, or anything you'd like to share with the membership. Just send it to the alumni office by mail, fax, or e-mail.

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The School of Nursing has chosen a name for the clinical award presented at the Pinning Ceremony. It will be called the **Daughters of Charity Clinical Award**. I can't think of a more appropriate name. They have given so much through the years to the hospital and the school.

We received a very positive response from our membership regarding the continuing education session after the February Luncheon, so we are going to offer another workshop after the June Breakfast. **Karen Chabert '77** has graciously consented to conduct a session on forensic nursing. Be sure to read more about this and the June 12th luncheon on pages 10 and 11 of this issue. And send in your reservation!

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in June! ☺

Treasurer's Report

BY URSULA ALLAIN '65

Expenditures		8395
Afghan Postage	28	
Mail Box Fund	1054	
LSNA	300	
Freshman Breakfast	104	
Senior Lunch	650	
Meetings	4016	
June 2003	23	
February 2004	3993	
Office	63	
Postcard Mailing Feb 04 Mtg	1293	
Scholarships	1941	
Cooper	500	
Jeansonne	500	
Whynot	500	
Members Fund (5 pins)	441	
Revenues		7795
Afghans	215	
Alumni Fund	284	
CE Program	230	
Dividends (Bank One)	79	
Dues	1495	
Interest (Fidelity)	20	
Mail Boxes	10	
Meeting Feb 2004	3360	
Raffles	303	
Goblets	86	
50/50	217	
Scholarships	806	
Jeansonne	500	
Members Fund	306	
Souvenirs	390	
White Cap Fund	603	

From the Dean

BY PATRICIA EGERS

I hope the arrival of this issue of the White Cap finds you well. Students, faculty and staff are extremely busy and the building is bursting at the seams. The enrollment in the R.N. program is 803 students. We are out of space!

The evening program began this semester with seventy-nine students in addition to the 176 in the same Basics in Nursing course during the day. Each semester we will admit 80 more students.

As we've increased enrollment we've identified a need to assist students to stay in school. Retention strategies are incorporated into the school's fabric-learning styles assessment and peer tutoring (SI-Supplementary Instruction). Dr. Charles Mary, husband of 1963 graduate Lynne Boesinger, provided foundation funds for the tutoring; Claudia Gordon, class of 1968, is the faculty advisor.

The school owes the alumni association, particularly Sally Cooper, Marylou Medlin, Doris Burvant and Suzy Andry, a big thank you for their nomination to LSNA of Charity School of Nursing as the Louisiana Nursing School of the Year. We won!! It was an honor to win against stiff competition. It was even more special because the alumni nominated the school! The award is proudly on display on the 6th floor - it's heavy, green marble and beautiful. Thank you.

Delgado Community College has a new chancellor, Dr. Alex Johnson. He comes from Cuyahoga Community College in Cleveland which has a vibrant, multifaceted nursing school. He is interested in meeting with the alumni. There is much activity on funding of a new nursing and allied health building. We need more room, technologically-equipped classrooms and laboratories, and adequate parking. We may be asking for your help with legislators in your area.

The Louisiana Organization for Associate Degree Nurses (L-OADN) at their March conference gave awards to two people nominated by the CSN faculty. Carol Leefe, RN, MSN, Class of '92 was named the L-OADN ADN Alumni of the Year, and Interior Holmes, Class of May 2004, was awarded the L-OADN Student Nurse of the State.

We are looking forward to Homecoming in 2005. Thank you for all that you do for the school. ☀



(Left) CSN Dean Patricia Egers accepts a donation for the tutoring program from Dr. Charles Mary, his wife Lynne Boesinger Mary '63, and their son. Claudia Gordon '68 (right) is the faculty advisor for the tutoring program.

Tutoring Funds Donated by Dr. Charles Mary

BY CLAUDIA GORDON '68

Dr. Charles Mary, husband of Lynne Boesinger Mary '63, has generously made a \$10,000 grant to Charity School of Nursing-Delgado Community College to provide continuation of the Supplemental Instruction program for the Spring 2004 semester.

The Supplemental Instruction (SI) program is based on one developed by the University of Missouri at Kansas City as an academic assistance program for all students. SI is a non-remedial program available to all students enrolled in the nursing program. SI leaders are students who have successfully completed courses with an A or B. They facilitate weekly sessions with other students to increase comprehension of content through critical thinking exercises.

There are many advantages to the Supplemental Instruction program over traditional tutoring efforts. SI is proactive and participatory rather than passive. Students learn a variety of study strategies, and experience collaborative learning with their peers.

Students attended SI sessions in record numbers during the Fall 2003 semester. The program would not have had sufficient funding to continue for the Spring 2004 semester if Dr. and Mrs. Mary had not responded so generously to this need. This program promotes student success and helps Charity meet the needs for registered nurses in our community. ☀

Alumni News & Notes

Many of the alumni who write to us express their desire to hear from their classmates and ask us to pass along their addresses. Space limitations prohibit us from printing everyone's address, but if you would like to get in touch with any graduate you can call or write the alumni office to get a mailing or e-mail address.

The Louisiana Association for Family and Community Education (FCE) named **Jean Reuther Corne '49** the 2003 Heart of Louisiana FCE. She lives in Chalmette and is a Red Cross volunteer who conducts blood drives, is the Health Fair Chairman and the nurse at Special Olympics. She is actively involved in the Foster Children's Network with the Kiwanas, and Terrific Kids with AARP. Jean assists the Cancer Society by collecting wigs and hats for patients. She chaired a literacy program called Raise a Reader and distributed over a thousand books to teenage mothers at the health unit and baby clinic.

Carlo Sammartino '96 is working for Maniilaq Hospital in Kotzebue, Alaska, located 23 miles above the Arctic Circle and part of the IHS system. "We take care of primarily indigenous Inupiat Eskimos. My family and I have been living here approximately ten months."

Helen T. Jones '44 writes that she has maintained her Registered Nurse status in Mississippi, though in the inactive category. "I'm lucky to be able to still navigate since recovering from a broken hip in 2000." She adds that she belongs to a church that has a member who is 102 years old - quite an inspiration to Helen!

Barbara Ellison Wasano '62 wrote in response to the article by Patti Granzin Little '78 about renovations to the old dorm. "It brought back many wonderful memories. Like Patti, I occasionally have dreams about Charity and I cherish them. My three years at Charity were some of the best of my life. It was hard but I learned so much, and I have used it. It was just about the best nurses training in the world. Each place I have worked I have come across CHSN graduates, even in the Navy Nurses Corps. I am old now and those years '59-62 mean so much to me. I'll never forget Charity."

Denise Gaddy '47 writes that she has been traveling and becoming a grandmother. She is living in Long Beach, Mississippi. "I'm proud to be a Charity grad!"

Marie Lahey '81 sends greetings from Houston. "I appreciate being able to keep up with CHSN" through the Alumni Association. She is working in the Cath Lab at HNWM in Houston. "I love the work I do, even if the hours are long. Still happily married to Gary for 19 years. It's a good life!"

Lou Salman '46 writes, "I am still loping along - or is it limping along? Lots of senior moments now. After graduating from Charity in 1946, I worked steadily until August 1979. Then I took four years off when my two children were small. I'm now 82 years old and I read the *Alumni News* from cover to cover."

Carene Stoddard Makinson-Sanders '67 writes "I am so far away, it is impossible for me to be active in alumni activities, but it is always a thrill to receive the CHSN *Alumni News*. After years of moving about with my husband's work, raising children, and seeking jobs rather than a career path, I enrolled in the RN to BSN program at Temple University in 1997 - just about 30 years after I graduated from Charity! In 2002, with BSN completed, I enrolled in graduate school, but then decided to run for office in my Borough of North Wales, Pennsylvania. In 2003 I was elected to a seat on the North Wales Borough Council. I will resume my graduate work in nursing at Temple in 2004.

"I tell all who will listen that my nursing education, as well as the time spent at CHSN, is the best personal, professional and financial investment I have ever made, as it so aptly prepared me to serve my family, my profession, my community and myself."

Even at an Air Stream Rally you can find a group of Charity graduates. These alumni (see photo) gathered in Tennessee in October 2003:

Suzanne

Hursey Strahan '64, Irene Brown Grieshaber '41, Esther Wood '49, Marie Boyle Segrave '58, and Betty Shoemaker Cook '49 (not pictured.)



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Mary Ann Signorelli Whynot Scholarship

Mary Ann Signorelli Whynot '46 worked as a nurse in Louisiana, Illinois, New York, Massachusetts, Michigan and Washington. She also served as a nurse on several ships of the Army Transport Service and USN Military Sea Transport Service.

She was married to Richard Whynot for fifty-one years. They had one son, Richard. Mary Ann died on July 17, 2003, in San Antonio, Texas.

Last summer, Mary Ann's husband, Mr. Richard Whynot, donated \$15,000 to the Alumni Association to establish a scholarship in Mary Ann's honor. Each semester, a student will be awarded a \$500 scholarship in the name of Mary Ann Signorelli Whynot. The first award was presented to **Erin McCabe** at the Awards Program in January 2004.

We want to thank Mr. Whynot for such a generous donation. The awards will help many deserving students to succeed during their nursing training. ☀



Left to right: Doris Burvant '60, Executive Director, Ursula Allain '65, Treasurer, Mr. Richard Whynot, Suzy Andry '59, President, and Patricia Egers, Charity School of Nursing Dean.

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Rose Mary Breaux '47 writes that she is still in a wheelchair. She had hoped to be able to attend the alumni luncheon but her husband Bert died in June 2003, and it's harder for her to get transportation now. "I miss all of you. Hope to see you soon."

Jan Breaux Samson '75 has worked part-time at an ambulatory endoscopy center in Baton Rouge for nine years. "I enjoy my work but love more being a wife and mother." She has been married 21 years and has "three wonderful sons" aged 16 to 20. "I have so many great memories of being a student at CHSN. I made so many friends whom I will never forget."

Donna Cardella '74 and **Michele Pomes '98** were named "Great 100 Nurses" in 2003 for their efforts in advancing nursing care, mentoring other nurses, and promoting nursing in the community.

Chong Sun Ahn '75 wrote to say how much she enjoyed her class reunion in 2000, "meeting all the old buddies again after 25 years!" She lives with her family

in Mukilteo, Washington, and is proud that her 14-year-old daughter Jean-Sun was crowned the 2003 Washington State Junior Teen Queen.

Dixie Keyes '50 wrote with these memories: "I remember standing 'lookout' while Sister Mary Paul restarted an IV when no interns were available. I remember a psych patient going into labor on the 11 to 7 shift and being unable to get help because no one believed me. I remember that the OB head nurse required the 11 to 7 nurse (with two wards of post-partal patients) to take and record vital signs, give all 3rd day post-partal patients their enemas, then also wax her desk before leaving at the end of the shift.

"My own recent hospital experiences have taught me this: if at all possible, have out-patient surgery. When you leave the recovery room, go to the nearest good hotel. The linens will be changed when necessary. Room service will deliver the food. Your family will be more comfortable visiting and caring for you. The cost will be much less. You'll have less risk of a nosocomial infection. You can take your medicine when you need it, and no one will wake you at midnight to declare, I'm going to take care of you."

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Remembering Donna Olson Schiller

BY LORI KELLER '94

When we think of role models in our nursing careers, sometimes we have to look outside the box - the hospitals and common institutions where we assume our training from Charity is most utilized. This is the story of one courageous graduate who took her experience and passions to another level.

Donna Ann Olson Schiller graduated from CHSN in 1983. After working for two years at Charity Hospital in the children's ward, she married her college sweetheart Hank Schiller and moved to Riverside, California. She continued her nursing career in the children's department at Eisenhower Hospital until 1988.

When her second child Lauren was born deaf, Donna's passion for nursing soon demanded even more from her. She took all of her training from Charity, her experience working with children, and all that her heart could offer, and channeled her energy into the Early Development Program for Disabled Children at the Sunshine School in Riverside. As PTA president of the California School for the Deaf in Riverside, she rejuvenated a program that had been inactive for seven years. As president of the Parent/Teacher Community, she worked with state officials to implement the program, which was ultimately mandated throughout the California school system. As a member of the Community Advisory Board for the School of the Deaf, she worked closely with the City of Riverdale and its city council. She received many awards from the California School of the Deaf and her community for her dedication and commitment. Meanwhile, Donna coached softball for six years, was treasurer of the swim team for three years, was a Girl Scout leader for four years, and raised three beautiful daughters.

Donna was diagnosed with leukemia and died in April of 2000. She was not yet forty years old. She had accomplished more in those short years than most can claim after a long lifetime of nursing. Her nursing needs took her out of the traditional medical institutions and pulled her into the community where she delivered 24/7.

When we study the pioneers of nursing, the Florence Nightingales, Lillian Walds, and Mary Breckenrides, we see lists of accomplishments that include establishing institutions and initiating changes in healthcare and society. Donna Ann Olson Schiller was also a pioneer of nursing, and her passion and commitment changed her community for the better. ☩

Farewell to Leona Ginn

BY ROSE-JEANNE BUCCOLA '49

Last year, after the White Cap had been sent to the printer, Mrs. Leona B. Ginn passed away on March 17, 2003. She was a native of Laurel, Mississippi, but came to LSU School of Nursing for her BSN and stayed in New Orleans. She was a clinical instructor at CHSN in Medical Nursing and took a special interest in each of her students. She received many awards for outstanding community work including the "Great 100 Nurses" in 1990, the Golden Life Award from the AARP in 1999, and the Citation of Merit by the Leukemia Society of America. Mrs. Ginn helped to establish and was the first DON of the Jones County Community Hospital which later became the South Central Regional Medical Center in Laurel, Mississippi.

Over the years, Mrs. Ginn was a regular at our Alumni Breakfasts, often one of the first to make reservations because she so looked forward to visiting with "her students." In 1995 the Alumni Association declared Mrs. Ginn an Honorary Member which she deeply appreciated. She was 97 at the time of her death. ☩

In Memory of Father Meyers

Father Louis E Meyers passed away on October 25, 2003, at the age of 77. For many years he served as counselor at the School of Nursing, and held mass regularly for the students, faculty and staff. He was a well-known figure in the Charity community, and will be sorely missed by graduates and faculty

"Every high priest is taken from among men and made their representative before God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal patiently with erring sinners, for he is himself beset by weakness and so must make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. One does not take this honor on his own initiative, but only when called by God as Aaron was. Even Christ did not glorify himself with the office of high priest; he received it from the One who said to him, "you are my son; today I have begotten you"; just as he says in another place, "you are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." (Courtesy of Schoen Funeral Home). ☩

In Memory of Dorothy Kirkpatrick

BY REBECCA CHAISSON

Dorothy Kirkpatrick '47 was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1975. From that moment, her philosophy was simple: "Cancer is limited. It cannot cripple love. It cannot shatter hope. It cannot corrode faith. Cancer cannot destroy peace. It cannot kill friendship. It cannot suppress memories. It cannot silence courage. Cancer cannot invade the soul. It cannot steal eternal life. Cancer cannot conquer the spirit."

Faced with the cancer diagnosis, its devastating spread throughout her body, and the seemingly endless treatments, Dorothy would not give up. Instead she decided to inspire others to keep on fighting. Among her many activities to assist other cancer victims, she helped to form the New Hope General Cancer Support Group of Jefferson Davis Parish. She was known in Lake Arthur as the Energizer Bunny because she "kept on going" and encouraged everyone to do the same. "It is undeniable," she said, "that it is those who have suffered most who are best able to comfort others who are passing through suffering."

Dorothy Kirkpatrick passed away on February 6, 2004, dying of the cancer that dogged her for almost 30 years, but her legacy will keep going and going and going. It is a legacy of hope, courage, strength and love. She fought not only for her own life, but for the millions of others who may, some day, be forced to walk down her path. ☙

THANK YOU

to all who support the Charity Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association with your generous contributions to the White Cap Fund, the Scholarship Fund, and the Alumni Fund. Your valuable donations make it possible for us to do everything that we do.



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Alumni New & Notes

Coletta Barrett '77 is the National Chairman of the Board of the American Heart Association. She is the first registered nurse to ever hold that office. Coletta also serves as Vice-President of Policy Development and Research for the Louisiana Hospital Association, co-chairs the Governor's Task Force on Trauma, and is a member of the executive committee for the Human Resources Services Administrations' Grants to Louisiana for Hospital Bioterrorism Preparedness. In addition, she serves on the Strategic Planning Board for the University of Alabama's Culverhouse School of Commerce and Business in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Coletta was named the 2002 Greater Baton Rouge Area YWCA Woman of Achievement, and was elected Tulane University's Outstanding Executive EMH Student by the faculty of the Department of Health Systems Management in 1994. Coletta lives in Baton Rouge with her husband and two daughters.

Gloria Stanley Konikoff '44 is still doing genealogy ("back to 1648 now with excellent credentials"), still painting (oils on canvas), and still plays her baby grand, but her traveling has been curtailed by the demands of dialysis. "I am really doing marvelously well, and am very active. I enjoy every page of the newsletters. Thank you for clueing me in to what's going on at Charity. It's a big boost to me."

Noel Hatton Tramontana '58 has just published her first novel *Colored Glass*, which examines the destruction and salvation of a small Louisiana town during the Civil Rights Movement. Noel's award-winning short story "An Act of Principle" was published in 1985 and was the inspiration for *Colored Glass*. Noel is the mother of seven children, and lives in Towanda, Pennsylvania with her surgeon husband. She writes for Sterling-McFadden women's magazines and has started work on her second novel. ☃

"What is the *Alumni News*, and why don't I receive it?"

The *Alumni News* is the annual CHSN Alumni Association newsletter, sent to all PAID members in the fall of each year. The newsletter also contains the ballot to elect new association officers and board members. If you are not receiving it, you probably haven't paid your dues. Check your mailing label on page 12. ☃

Class of 1954 Reunion

BY LILLIAN AVERNA
LESCALE '54



Plans are being made for the 50th reunion of the Class of 1954 in New Orleans! We will be coordinating with the weekend of the Alumni Breakfast scheduled for Saturday, June 12, 2004, at Andrea's Restaurant. Our class social will be held at a downtown restaurant that evening. Spouses and friends are invited to attend. A breakfast gathering will be planned for Sunday, June 13.

If you would like to attend, please let us know so that more specific information can be sent to you as our plans our finalized.

Call Dione Ragan Harmon '54 at 504-269-4098, Lillian Averna Lescale '54 at 985-645-0757, or the Alumni Office. Please contact a classmate about these big events. Hope to see you in the Big Easy! ☃

Pictures from the Past

Neither Rita Jo Neary Ellsworth '55 nor Bea Chinnniche Stimmel '55 got it perfectly right, but they both came pretty close to correctly identifying the students in the "Picture from the Past" printed in the 2003 *Alumni News*. According to the photographer, the names are, left to right, Louise Rue, Billie Moll, Mildred Melancon, Judy Lalis, Peggy Collum, and Mollie Major. Both correctly named the year, 1955, but we stumped them on the occasion which was a trip to Carville, Louisiana. Thanks to all those who wrote to guess, and special thanks to Louise Rue Stenberg '55, who provided the photo. Louise recently wrote, "I am so glad you could use my pictures. I think I just had a Brownie camera in those days."

Have you got an old photo of Charity students that might offer our alumni a trip down memory lane? If you would like it to appear in "Pictures from the Past," send us your photo with your name, a list of the students pictured, a short description of the activity or occasion, and the year it was taken. We will not return the photos and we can't promise to print all of them, but we do promise to include any photos received in the Alumni Association scrapbooks. ☃

SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2004

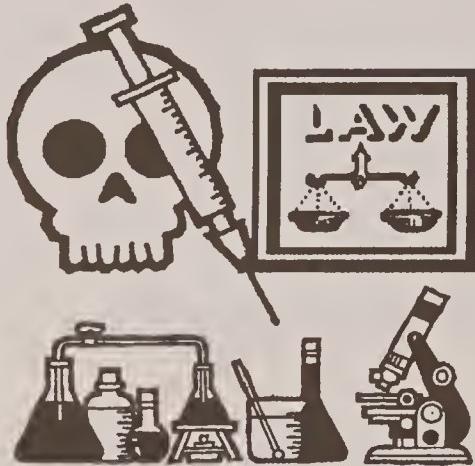
CHARITY HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING ALUMNI BREAKFAST AT ANDREA'S RESTAURANT

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Registration/Cash Bar opens at 9 am, Breakfast Served at 10 am

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AND CONTINUING EDUCATION WORKSHOP FOR ALUMNI "FORENSICS IN NURSING"

The application of nursing science to the investigation or treatment of trauma or death of individuals and perpetrators of criminal violence.

Presented by Karen Chabert, RN

Noon to 1:00pm Cost \$10.00 per person. 1 CE Credit.

Immediately following the Alumni Breakfast at Andrea's Restaurant

TARGET AUDIENCE:

Anyone with an interest in improving his or her care to victims of crime.

OBJECTIVES:

- Define Forensic Nursing
- Define the classifications of patients that Forensic Nurses care for.
- Define Forensic Nursing Rules.
- Cite examples where a Forensic Nurse made or could have made a difference in the outcome (3 case studies).

SPEAKER:

Karen Chabert, RN, a 1977 graduate of Charity Hospital School of Nursing, is a Forensic Nurse. She is the Continued Care Coordinator at Charity Hospital (Medical Center of Louisiana), where she is responsible for all activities regarding death and terminal care including coordinating the Organ, Tissue and Eye Donor Program. Karen also works with law enforcement to assist victims and perpetrators of crime, identify, collect and preserve evidence, and identify unknown patients. She has given workshops in domestic violence, forensic nursing, terminal care activities and documentation around the country.

The Charity School of Nursing Continuing Education Program has been approved as a provider of continuing education in nursing by the Louisiana State Nurses association for the period of May 6, 2003, through May 31, 2006. LSNA is accredited as an approver of continuing education in nursing by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

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Saturday, June 12, 2004 9:00am Andrea's Restaurant in Metairie

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JUNE 12

2004 Calendar of Events

Saturday, June 12

Alumni Breakfast at Andrea's Restaurant
(See page 11 for details.)

Tuesday, September 14

Board Meeting 3pm

Friday, September 24

Deadline to submit *Alumni News* articles
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Tuesday, October 19

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Wednesday, October 20

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Tuesday, December 14

Board Meeting 3pm

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Saturday, October 8, 2005

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From the President

The June Breakfast was a knockout - in every sense of the word! A great meal, a dynamite CE workshop on Forensic Nursing, and all of our dear friends together in one room ready to party - it was wonderful! But here's the punch - KA-POW! What hit us? We seem to have become victims of our own success. These alumni events have become so popular that we reached a point of near disaster! Two hundred and twenty graduates attended the June Breakfast - way, way more than we expected or had registered! Our check-in process was chaos, lines were long, the restaurant staff had to squeeze in extra tables and the waiters were juggling plates like circus performers.

Well, we apologize for lacking our usual aplomb, but please be assured that after our "post-mortem" (we did learn something about forensics!) we will be re-working our registration process and every other aspect so that our get-togethers will once again be the smoothly choreographed events our members have come to expect. So, don't be discouraged and please come to the next one! There is, however, one aspect for which we must ask for your help! Please, please, please - send in your reservations in advance! We love to have every single one of you there, and the more the merrier, but an influx of unexpected guests at the door overburdens our check-in desk and the restaurant.

In that spirit, please pull out the registration form on page 9 right now, and mail it in to reserve your seat at the March 2005 Luncheon!

Just a bit more about the June Breakfast. We had two honored guests from the class of 1934, Evelyn Boyet and Juliette Kaufman. They are both 92 years old (if I'm not right about that they will kill me). It was great to hear their stories - they called SISTER Stanislaus just "Stanislaus"!!! Evelyn gave us a nail from the original Charity building, and the Alumni Association gave each of them a CHSNAA Afghan.

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Picture from the Past

Do you recognize these Charity students? If you think you do, send us their names by mail or e-mail. If you are correct, we will publish YOUR name in the next issue of The White Cap. Extra credit for guessing the year and location.

INSIDE:

ELECTIONS BALLOT
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RESERVATION FORM
FOR LUNCHEON

Greetings from the Executive Director

Trying to schedule all our events in 2005 had us in a spin! Our gala five-year Homecoming will be coming in October; Mardi Gras is early. How to make it all work? We decided the only thing to do is "try something different."

Our spring Alumni Luncheon will be a little later in the year, on March 5, 2005. We are returning to the Wyndham-Metairie (next door to the Galleria, off South Causeway Blvd.) Free parking is convenient in their garage. We will try to offer the popular continuing education units after the luncheon, but our plans are not yet firm. We will let you know. Please watch for our postcard in the mail after the holidays for CEU information and a reminder about the Luncheon.

March 2005 seems very far away, but it will be upon us soon enough. Don't wait to send in your reservation (see page 9), and mark your calendar for March 5. Instead of our traditional June Breakfast (where so many classes usually hold their reunions) we are encouraging classes to plan their reunions in October 2005 on the weekend of Homecoming. The Sunday Brunch planned for October 9, 2005, at the Wyndham Canal Place would be a perfect venue to join your classmates to remember



old times and make some new memories. It would also be great if you would include in your plans all the exciting events that the School of Nursing and Alumni Association have planned for that weekend.

The classes that should be planning their class reunions for 2005 are: 1955, 1960, 1965, 1975, 1985, and 1995. Call or write me at the Alumni Office and let me know who is planning the reunion. I would be glad to send to you the addresses of your classmates that we have in our computer. And please check page 10 for "lost" alumni in your classes.

I know we are all almost too tired of hearing about elections, but don't forget to send in your ballot for our officers by December 10, 2004. I especially want to thank the members who have so graciously placed their names on the ballot.

I hope our Florida and Alabama members did not receive too much storm damage. Please let us know if you did and if there is anything we can do for you. This year has been a very difficult one for so many.

Looking forward to seeing you in March.

Doris Burvant

Executive Director

From the President

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My class had a small 45th anniversary party in June. We are luckier than most - we have Ruth Brink Wallace and Sally Cooper to keep prodding us to get together. We sure enjoyed seeing each other (and we all looked pretty good for "old broads.") For those '59ers who did not come, we thought of you and wished we could hug each of you that evening. Once we are comrades-in-arms, we are together forever.

We are progressing rapidly in our plans for Homecoming 2005. It is scheduled for Saturday, October 8 and Sunday, October 9, 2005. We have chosen a special theme for Homecoming 2005: "Honoring Military Nurses Past and Present." We are planning a morning-full of activities at the School of Nursing on Saturday (with breakfast and lunch); and our gala dinner event at the spectacular National D-Day Museum on Saturday night.

On Sunday, we will have Brunch at the Wyndham-Canal Place (with that incredible view of the Mississippi River). What a great time that would be for class reunion get-togethers! We will be giving special gifts to the class with the most attendees (with advance reservations!) for Homecoming weekend. Mark your calendars now, and we will have all the details in The White Cap this spring.

Please see the article on page 3 about some of our Homecoming plans.

I have some suggested books for your reading list: And If I Persh by Evelyn M. Monahan and Rosemary Neidel-Greenlee, and A Nun with a Gun, a biography of Sister Stanislaus, by Eddie Doherty.

I want to encourage all alumni to write us and share your memories, or what you are doing now. This is the era of great communication - call, write or e-mail! Don't forget us - we will never forget you!

Suzy Andry
President, CHSNA

Cadet Nurse and Military Nurse Alumni Past & Present: We Need Your Memories

In October 2005, the Charity Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association will highlight the contribution and sacrifices of military nurses during our **2005 Homecoming Celebration**. We will be hosting a special event at the National D-Day Museum here in New Orleans on **October 8, 2005**, honoring Military Nurses Past & Present.

We Need Your Memories

The Alumni Association is planning a special edition of The White Cap featuring articles by and about our Military Nurse alumni and our former Cadet Nurses. We are asking our graduates to write to the Alumni Association about your recollections of being a Military nurse IN ANY CONFLICT, or of being a Cadet Nurse. It can be a short note or a more lengthy article about your experiences. These submissions will be published in The White Cap in Spring 2005, and those relating to WWII or Cadet Nurses will be given as well to the National D-Day Museum for their permanent collection.

World War II Mementos

It will be a particular privilege for us to honor the former Cadet Nurses and WWII nurses among our alumni. Our plans include a **special exhibit at the National D-Day Museum** about the experiences of WWII nurses and Cadet Nurses, so we need your mementos and artifacts! Photographs, letters you wrote, uniforms, any objects you saved from your Cadet Nurse or WWII nursing experiences would be invaluable contributions to our exhibit. You can lend us the items temporarily for the exhibit or, if you wish, they can be added to the permanent collection of the National D-Day Museum.

Preserve Your Memories

We hope our efforts will be the start of a new appreciation of the role of nurses in the military and a stronger presence of nurses in the exhibits, oral histories, and historical perspectives offered by the



National D-Day Museum. We want you to be a part of it. **Please send your written memories and WWII mementos** to: CHSN Alumni Association, 450 South Claiborne Ave., New Orleans, LA 70112. (You can also email us at cnsalumni@dcc.edu).

The deadline for submissions to The White Cap is March 15, 2005, but please don't delay. YOUR memories are the ones we want to preserve. If you have any questions, please call the Alumni Association office at 504-568-6372. ☰

History Can Be Made By Your Unique Memories

Nurses often feel that they are overlooked in military history because they did not serve in combat, or because it seems that no one recognizes what they did as important.

In fact, from the earliest conflicts, continuing

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right up to today, nurses have been an integral part of the war effort in this country and around the world. Military nurses have been essential to the care and survival of wounded soldiers, and central to the development of new techniques and innovations that have improved medical care in both military and civilian hospitals.

History is Alive

The history of World War II continues to be written today. In the coming decades, historians will be asking new and different questions about the Second World War, especially related to the contributions of those who did not directly participate in combat, and yet whose sacrifices made the victory possible. Now, more than ever, it is of crucial importance to preserve the history of ALL who served in World War II, including nurses and Cadet Nurses.

At its peak, approximately 69,000 nurses were serving during World War II in the Army and Navy Nurse Corps. They were stationed in fifty countries. Nurses cared for the sick and wounded at the front line, in field hospitals, on ships and in the air; they were held as prisoners of war and killed by enemy

fire. More than 1600 nurses were decorated for bravery and meritorious service. One hundred and seventy-nine thousand young women seeking to serve their country joined the Cadet Nurse Corps in order to provide desperately needed nursing services at home and abroad.

Collecting Your Oral History

The National D-Day Museum has an in-house research department that actively collects the personal accounts of the men and women who served their country in WWII. Your oral history will be transcribed by the D-Day Museum staff and you will be provided with a copy of the transcription. If you are interested in adding to the oral history archive of the National D-Day Museum, it is as simple as turning on a tape recorder. Set aside an hour or two of time. It might be helpful to have someone to talk to like a friend or relative. Remember that cassette tapes are inexpensive, so elaborate as much as you wish.

History is made of details. Your seemingly insignificant memories of what you wore, or how you got supplies or did laundry, or that one patient or colleague or stranger who stuck in your mind is the kind of detail that makes history come alive for future generations.

The National D-Day Museum has put together a few helpful guidelines on preparing your own oral history, along with a couple of forms that they would like you to fill out to help catalogue your oral history. Call the Alumni Office at 504-568-6372 and we will mail you a copy.

By leaving this record, you will have done your country a great service. You will have provided a record that will contribute to the body of knowledge and understanding of World War II. You are a precious resource because of your unique perspective. Please take a little time to record your priceless memories for all of us. ☰

Mark Your Calendar!

Homecoming Celebration 2005

Saturday, October 8 and

Sunday, October 9, 2005



Memorial Notes

Sheila D. Fontenot '78, an eight-year survivor of kidney cancer, died of inflammatory breast cancer on April 2, 2004.

After graduating, Sheila worked at Charity Hospital, then attended Charity Hospital School of Anesthesia. She worked as a nurse anesthetist at Touro Infirmary for fifteen years, and served as an instructor at Charity Hospital School of Anesthesia. She later relocated to Pass Christian, Mississippi, where she worked as a nurse anesthetist at Memorial Hospital in Gulfport and at Gulfport Surgery Center.

Sheila's friends and coworkers have expressed how fortunate they feel to have known and worked with Sheila. She is remembered as a team player, highly skilled and respected. She would arrive early and stay late on many occasions to accommodate the numerous requests for her anesthesia care. The patients were always her main concern.

Sheila was proud of her Cajun heritage and her Charity education. She was an accomplished sailor, an amazing poet, and she loved to travel.

A scholarship in honor of Sheila Fontenot is being planned. Anyone interested in giving a donation may contact Lisa Stokes Hasten at LSTokesHasten@aol.com for more information.

By Lisa Stokes Hasten '78

Marion Ruth Kreutz McCann '51 passed away in August 2003, after many years of illness. She spoke so highly of Charity and told me many stories of the great times she had at school. She talked about her roommate, Marion Jones Morgan, and some of the mischief they used to get into, but she also said what a great learning experience it was. Hearing so much about "Sister Pauline" and all the wonderful teachers, I sometimes felt I was an alumnus myself!

Marion and I were in the Army Medical Corps together, stationed in Germany and assigned to a MASH unit in Korea. We were married in Germany. After the war moved to Gloucester, Massachusetts, where we raised six children (who presented us with 22 grandchildren). We were married for 49 years.

Marion had a fine nursing career, mostly as a private duty nurse. She was a very caring person. In later life she was a strong advocate for senior citizens and although she was not well for many years, she always kept busy helping others. She procured funding from the Massachusetts Legislature and Senator Kennedy for the

Generous Donation Expands Scholarship Offerings for Students

The Charity Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association recently received a check for \$1,000 for the Scholarship Fund from TOAL, a regional chapter of the National Association of Educational Buyers. In addition to the \$1,000 donation, three TOAL Scholarships will be awarded in 2005 on behalf of Charity School of Nursing and Delgado Community College.

Ms. Debbie Bridges, Director of the Delgado Purchasing Department was instrumental in securing the funds on behalf of Richard Crouse, Director of Media Services at CSN. He provided audio visual services at the TOAL Regional Meeting recently held in New Orleans, and requested scholarship funds for students in lieu of payment for his services. ☙



Marion Kreutz McCann '51 (on left)

Meals-on-Wheels Program for Cape Ann. Working with others, she formed programs for the elderly that eventually led to a new senior citizen building in Gloucester.

I think she was your greatest graduate, and I miss her very much.

By Arthur McCann

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Memorial Notes

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Bertha "Betts" Heufel Ingersoll '39 died at the age of 89 on December 16, 2003. Only God knows how many people's lives she touched. As her neighbor for 53 years, I can only begin to explain how great she was. Betts lived on Bradford Road in Belmont, Massachusetts, when I moved there the 1950s. She and my wife discovered that they were both registered nurses and became the best of friends - a friendship that lasted until my wife passed away 16 years ago. The two of them, while raising children, were also the neighborhood nurses. One or both would always be home if someone in the neighborhood needed help. This was long before the Emergency Number 911 ever existed.

I remember September 15, 1955. I had to work all night. My wife was expecting a child (we already had two boys and two girls). During the night, my wife realized that she had to get to the hospital, so she called Betts who came over and minded the house and cared for the children. I called home from work about 7 o'clock in the morning and my son David Jr. answered the phone. When I asked to speak to his mother, he replied, "She went to the hospital and has a new baby boy and a baby girl." Betts got on the phone and confirmed the surprise of twins!

My children and I have so many wonderful memories of Betts. I don't have to tell you, she was "one in a lifetime." God Bless her.

By David Coyle

Addlie Guillory Ducote '42, died Thursday, October 7, 2004, at the age of 83. She was born in Bayou Jacques in Avoyelles Parish and lived in Metairie for many years.

Ms. Ducote graduated from Charity Hospital School of Nursing, then taught nursing at Charity in the 1940s, when many of her students went to serve overseas in World War II.

During the next two decades, Mrs. Ducote, then the mother of six young children, served as a volunteer nurse at the school they attended, St. Christopher's in Metairie, where she helped obtain eyeglasses for needy students.

During this time she initiated screenings for scoliosis at the school. She also taught nurses at other schools to do the screenings.

After her husband died of lung cancer at the age of 45, Mrs. Ducote became an activist warning people about the dangers of smoking.

Starting in the 1980s and continuing into the next

decade, Mrs. Ducote taught Red Cross-sponsored cardiopulmonary resuscitation classes at summer camps and other locations.

In 1991, she was named one of the "Great 100 Nurses" in Louisiana.

By Joan Treadway



Specialty Nursing Practice Certifications for Associate Degree & Diploma RNs

Effective October 2003, nurses with an associate degree or diploma may apply for certification as a Gerontological Nurse, Medical-Surgical Nurse, Pediatric Nurse, Perinatal Nurse, or Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse.

Candidates must hold a currently active RN license, have practiced the equivalent of two years full-time as an RN, have a minimum of 2,000 hours of clinical practice in the last three years, and have had 30 contact hours within the last three years.

The American Nurses Credentialing Center, a subsidiary of the American Nurses Association, is introducing new computer based testing examination forms for several specialties, including those available to associate degree and diploma nurses.

More information may be obtained by visiting the American Nurses Credentialing Center's website at www.ana.org/ancc/certification.html

Keep in Touch

Many of our alumni write to us expressing their desire to hear from their classmates and they ask us to pass along their addresses. Space limitations prohibit us from printing addresses in the newsletter, but if you would like to get in touch with any graduate you can call or write the Alumni Office to get a mailing or e-mail address.

If your address has changed, or will soon, please let us know. We don't want to lose you!

Alumni News & Notes



Charlene White Persich '74 sent us this photo (*right*) of the Class of 1974 at their Thirtieth Reunion held at the Alumni Breakfast this Spring.

"Our class graduated at the Baptist Theological Seminary. Does a formal portrait exist of our class at graduation?" The Alumni Office does not know of one. If anyone has a photo of the Class of 1974 at graduation, please contact the Alumni Office.

Audrey LaRose Chadwick '59 is a retired professor of nursing from the University of Texas School of Nursing in Galveston, Texas. She began her career treating pediatric burn patients, and spent a decade in Saudi Arabia. After earning her BSN and Master's degree, "I discovered another love and pursued an added career of horticulture." Both careers intertwined and Horticultural Therapy became her specialty.

She has worked with seniors as well as younger patients recovering from injuries and strokes, and uses gardening and flower arranging to build self-esteem, stimulate memories, and motivate rehabilitation activities. She continues to work in the field now that she is retired from teaching.

Joyce Baker Coney '55 writes: "I always enjoy the news from Charity. At 74, I am still enjoying retirement and thankful every day for some of the best years of my life at Charity. Although I received a Lifetime Membership to the Alumni Association, I still wish to be a contributor. I wish it could be more. I hope to attend our 50th class reunion next year." Joyce lives in Dublin, Georgia.

Carolyn Bishop Castleman '58 continues to travel the world as an International Sierra Club Trip Leader, "lots of work but the rewards are worth it." She also volunteers on the crisis management team with the Glendale, Arizona, fire department. "My husband Dale retires next year, so we will be burning up the highways together as long as our health allows."

The Class of 1974 at their 30-Year Reunion

In 1957, **Martha Evelyn Milligan Larsen '42** left her job as the Oak Ridge Public Health Department Chief Nurse to work at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Mammalian Genetics Radiation Research. She retired in 1985 and since has served on civic and church boards, played bridge, golf and poker. She moved from Tennessee in 1998 and is "enjoying Acts-Retirement-Life at Tyron Estates in Columbus, NC. The Golden Age gets a bit tarnished from time to time, but a little shine restores the sheen. It would be nice to hear from my classmates."

Mary Catherine "Kat" Bocz '69 was named the Interim Chief Nursing Officer at River Parishes Hospital in August 2004. Previously Nurse Manager of Surgical Services, Kat was Risk Manager/Quality Manager before taking on the additional responsibilities of Interim Chief. Kat lives in Grammercy, LA, with her husband.

Trilby A. Barnes '86 founded Medi-Lend Nursing Services in 1991. She continued to work as a nurse while she served as CEO of her new venture. Medi-Lend has since grown to a multi-million dollar corporation with a registry of more than 2,000 professional nurses providing for the immediate and long-term needs of healthcare facilities, with offices in Louisiana, Texas and California.

Lorraine LeBarre Horton '47 "hopes to make it to the Breakfast sometime. Now, I'm taking care of my husband (and for the last 13 years). Anna J. Christiansen kept me up on all the news. She was wonderful."

Elizabeth Roberts Waldrip Haggard '40 writes that she wants to connect up again with the Alumni Association after changes of address had separated us. She says she still belongs to the American Nurses Association, "but I haven't worked for a long time." She is retired and living in Richmond, Virginia. ☙

Opening A Box Of Charity Memories

I recently unpacked some boxes and found a folder of my pre-clinical charting and care plans. I had a good laugh reading over them and imagining myself as a terrified student. I wanted so desperately to be a good nurse! Thank God that Maxine Blackmon was so kind and patient. When I compare my old printed, narrative charting to the point-and-click computer documentation done today, I just think, "We've come a long way, baby!"

After graduating from Charity in 1963, I worked at Our Lady of the Lake in Baton Rouge, then moved to New Iberia and worked at Iberia General. In 1966, I moved back to New Orleans and returned to work at Charity on a female medicine ward. After a few months I was summoned to the office of the Director of Nurses, Sister Adrian. She offered me the opportunity to be one of three nurses to be sent to St. Paul's Hospital in Dallas, to train as Intensive Care Nurses, then return to open the first ICU at Charity Hospital. Saundra Owens Robert '56, the supervisor of the unit, was among the three as well.

We opened the Intensive Care Unit in one of the wards. The picture (*below right*) is of me and one of the first patients. The huge cabinet with the tiny round screen was our first telemetry unit. A new state-of-the-art ICU/CCU was built about a year later on the second floor.

My box also contained a letter of commendation from Sister Adrian lauding our "good judgement and cool thinking" after the first patient that we successfully defibrillated.

Those were exciting times, and the memories make me so proud to be a Charity Nurse. I have worked at nine hospitals in four states, and everywhere I've been my Charity pin was recognized and held in high regard.

I am currently Director of Nursing Operations at Our Lady of Lourdes in Lafayette, Louisiana, and I still very proudly wear my Charity pin.

By Saundra Mallory Deaton '63

CHARITY HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING
MEDICAL-SURGICAL NURSING
OUTLINE OF NURSING - (Surgery)

NAME: Mallory, Saundra **DATE:** July 9, 1961 **PATIENT'S DIAGNOSIS:** Intestinal Obstruction & Colostomy

COURSE: M-1

QUESTIONS:

- I. Definition of Colostomy. Any pathologic state which causes a cessation of the free flow of the intestinal contents along the tract - Intestinal tract
- II. What is the aim of the therapeutic plan for this condition? To discover cause and prevent complications. To restore and maintain an adequate state of nutrition. To relieve any feelings of anxiety. To remove obstruction and return patient to a normal life routine.
- III. What do you anticipate the immediate admission care of the patient to be? Provide and maintain a therapeutic environment which helps for rest and relaxation. Street of family and friends to charity hospital. Administration of IV fluids to counteract dehydration. Observation of S&S. Abut 2 (over page)
- IV. PROBLEMS AND SPECIAL NEEDS **APPROACHES**

(Pre-operative Period)

1. Problems relative to identifying and accepting the inter-relatedness of emotions and organic illness.

(What psychological and mental reactions do you expect this patient to have?)

Year of unknown, the operative procedure, the possibility of death, the possibility of cancer, debility, disfigurement, hospitalizability, and inadequate finances.

Sixty pt turned and other patients. Show warmth and friendliness to the patient to help her feel at ease and to alleviate anxiety. Promote confidence in the medical staff. Be a (over page)

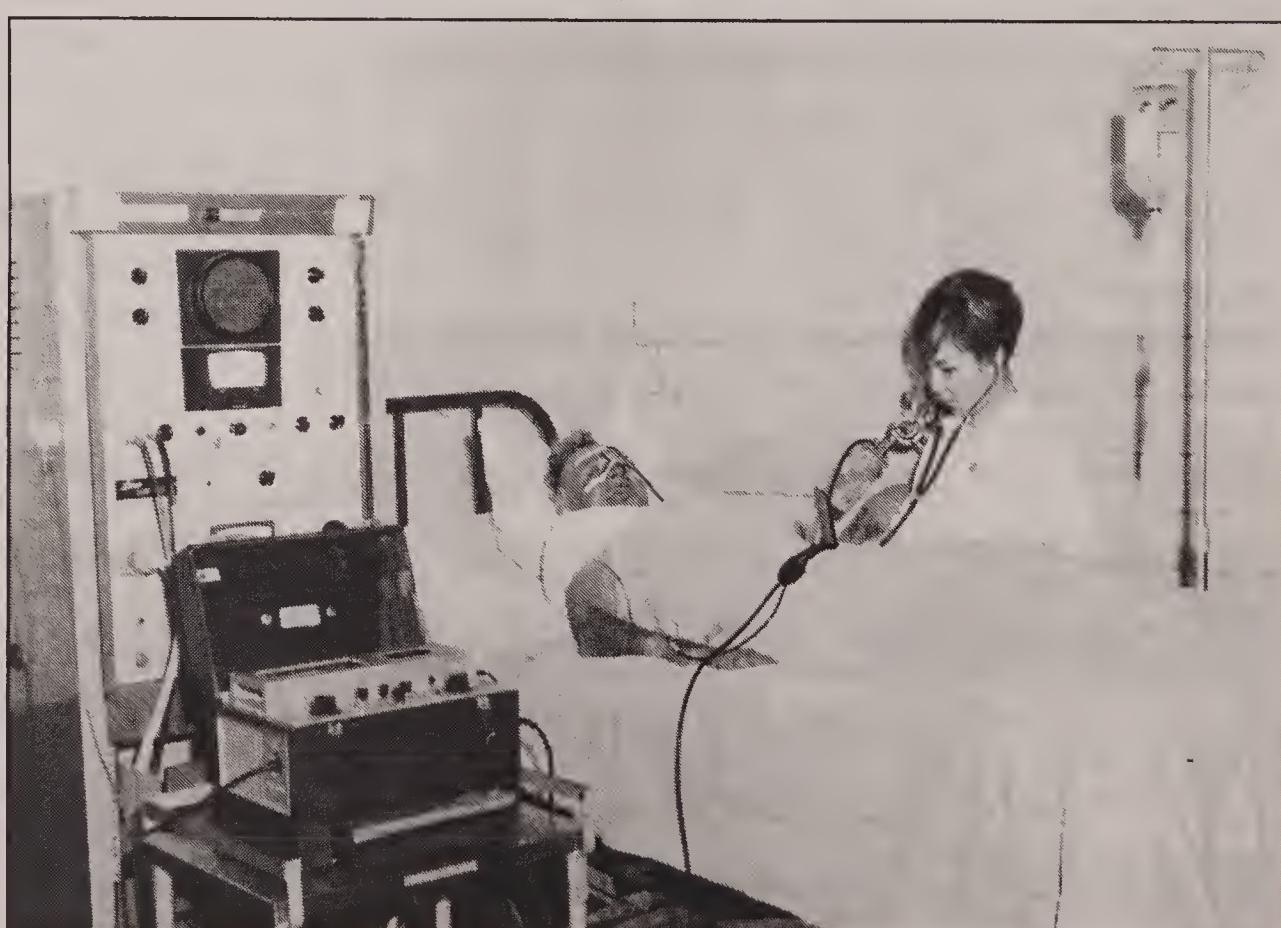
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There is no patient while the laboratory tests, she is responsible for (over page)

Carry out procedures discussed, explaining their importance and purpose to the patient.

Daily skin care consists

Saundra Mallory '63 at work
in the first Charity Hospital Intensive Care Unit.



A Student
Care Plan
from the
1960s



CHARITY HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING

ALUMNI LUNCHEON

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2005
AT THE WYNDHAM-METAIRIE

4 Galleria Blvd in Metairie (S. Causeway at I-10)

504-837-6707 Free parking!!

LUNCHEON: Registration/Cash Bar opens at 10:30am,
Luncheon Served at 11:30am

Cost: \$32.00 per person

MENU: Soup, Salad, Pecan Crusted Catfish or Chicken Marsala, Chef's Vegetables, Potatoes, New York Style Cheesecake with Fresh Fruit, Iced Tea, Coffee

----- Cut here! Keep the top part and post it on your refrigerator to remind you! -----

CHSNAA ALUMNI LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

Deadline for reservations is February 25, 2005.

You may mail this order form along with your ballot, but in order to keep your vote private, please do not enclose in ballot envelope.

Name _____

First name _____ Maiden/graduating name _____ Last name _____

Class of: _____ Spouse's Name: _____

First name or initials _____

Address: _____

Zip: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____

Guest Name: _____
For Name Tag _____

I'LL SEE YOU AT THE LUNCHEON:

Number of people _____ @ \$32 each.....\$ _____

CHOICE OF ENTREE Pecan Crusted Catfish OR
 Chicken Marsala

TOTAL ENCLOSED: Enclosed is my check for.....\$ _____

Make checks payable to, and mail to: CHSN Alumni Association, 450 S. Claiborne Ave, New Orleans, LA 70119

I WANT TO RENEW MY ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES:

- \$15 Regular Membership
- \$25 Blue Ribbon Membership
- \$50 Silver Star Membership
- \$100 Sr. Stanislaus Membership
- Sustaining Membership: a one-time gift of \$500 (and you never pay dues again).

I WANT TO CONTRIBUTE TO:

- The White Cap Fund.....\$ _____
- The Alumni Fund.....\$ _____
- The Scholarship Fund.....\$ _____



REUNION ALERT 2005



The year 2005 will represent these milestones for the following classes:

Class of '55 - 50 years; Class of '60- 45 years;

Class of '65 - 40 years; Class of '75 - 30 years;

Class of '85 - 25 years; Class of '95 - 10 years.

What a great year to have a class reunion, especially considering that Homecoming 2005 provides a perfect occasion. Hold your class reunion at the Sunday Brunch on October 9, 2005, at the Wyndham-Canal Place! The Alumni Association will give special souvenir gifts to the

class with the most attendees for Homecoming weekend (advance registrations only). More details about Homecoming 2005 will be in The White Cap this spring.

If you want to help plan your class reunion, please contact the Alumni Office. We can provide addresses of your classmates and advice.

Write us at: CHSN Alumni Association,
450 S. Claiborne Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70112,
or call the Alumni Office at 504-568-6372,
or e-mail us: cshnalu@dcc.edu

LOST ALUMNI

Please contact the Alumni Office if you can help us locate these missing members of the following classes:

Class of 1955

Lillian S. Barre Bartlow
Montine Ezell Bennett
Jennie Redwine Boyette
Marie Major Buescher
Margaret Chutz
Nancy Evans Crawford
Beulah Creel
Betty Cooper Daniel
Clara Cannon Deshan
Betty Buie Dowdy
Lois Held Forster
Lois Schmitt Holdorf
Virginia Irwin
Annie Jackson
Bobbie Dickens Jackson
Freida Bordelon Mayeux
Annie Nunnary
Shirley Payne
Barbara Leitner Quehl
Virginia Vanderdra Reinecke
Betty Reyes
Gwendolyne Laughlin Rider
Anita Carter Salzer
Barbara Minga Warren

Class of 1965

Grace Hughes Brazer
Donna Elliott Briones
Charlotte Byrd
Voncille Gunn Carlson
Mary Callegari Cleland
Angelita Mendez Erst

Judith Janes Homes
Kathleen Hynew Hug
Mary Mangum Kalish
Gail Klein
Sherry Palmer Laurent
Carolyn Ratcliff McGehee
Eleanor Barbatsuly Merrick
Marcia Crocker Ray
Sandra Hale Simpson
Marjorie Vandenbur Weaver
Linda Gratt Williams
Dorothy Tomsu Zielinski

Class of 1975

Elizabeth Nicaud Baldwin
Shonna Granger Black
Nancy Bourgeois
Laura Kallay Brill
Alberta Cohan
Camille Suess Compton
Deborah Hebert Ellender
Joy Peterson Faddis
Gail Funes Glass
Karen Pecka Karagat
Debora Koppi
Barbara Albritton Langenbeck
Gwen Berry Lowe
Marie Barlow McCalla
Rita Stassi McMaster
Venus Hall Moore
Jane Spratley Odenheimer
Susan Calamia Overheu
Nancy Duerr Rea
Mary Lambert Schexneider
Linda Myer Slack
Pamela Palmer Smith
Berniece Savell Smythe
Rebecca Norman Speakman
Elizabeth Fradella Steddum
Deborah Burke Vorhaben
Katherine Jacobson Watson
Jeannine Williams
Karen Doyle Woolie

Class of 1980

Ella Landry Adams
Dorothea Nicholas Aguado
Veronica Anderson
Cynthia Snyder Armstrong
Laurie Bentz
Mary Hebert Bowman
Beverly Hardy Briant
Ann Wingerter Delo
Susan Hargis Earley
Mary Cresson Enger
Ruth Graves
Robbie Gary Joffary
Judy Jacob Kangas
Robin Calecas Kuebel
Victoria Chaplain Love
Suzanne Machado
Cecelia Marcantel
Blanca Martinez
Luques Michael
Rebecca Smith Savine
Shirley Turpin
Diane Dugue Whitlow
Marcia Zorn

Class of 1985

Lisa Ordoyne Ashton
Julie Trahan Bratton
Michelle St. Romain Burke
Kimberly Driscoll
Laura Davis Harris
Patricia Brown Harris
Paula Linde Harrison
Dawn Salaun Hubbell
Michele Streit Kernen
Susan Golson-Mill Monroe
Lacey Huber Raphael
Lisa Morgan Renfree
Johnie Morris Richardson
Mary Roberts
Sharon Larche Spencer
Gerald Talbert
Jacqueline Giraldo Thompson

Susan Flowers Ulsh
Marjorie Williams
Pamela Talbot Williams
Irma Willie

Class of 1995

Jill Abbott
Rebecca Borne Amos
Reshma Dabrai Asrani
Shawn Smith Bauer
Timothy Berberovic
Theresa Woods Brazile
Julie Yeager Campo
Michelle Carrouche Cantelli
Shawn Carroll
Nicole Meilleur Chimento
Shirelle Hicks Collins
Mark Corley
Mary Dufour
Ricky Dufrene
Pamela Duplantis
Raquel Plaisance Duthu
Leisa Farrar
Katherine Brooks Henry
Jeffrey Hernandez
Leo Heymann, Jr.
Cindy Rodivich Jacobs
Kara Kirsch
Charles Layus
Lynn Bourgeois Ledet
Letty Perdreauvi Luke
Tammy Fey Melito
Lisa Howe Ontimara
Barbara McCurdy Padua
Jennifer Peterson
Sylvia Sarpy Rose
Lois Haynes Sandifer
Cynthia Monroe Santistevan
Angelle Sampey Seeling
Carolina Malapitan Thompson
Melissa Vogt
Cheree Wiggins
Laurie Dunn Yaukey

Charity Hospital School of Nursing
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
2005 BALLOT

DIRECTIONS: Circle the names of the candidates of your choice. Place the ballot in the small envelope marked "BALLOT." Seal the envelope and insert it in a larger mailing envelope addressed to CHSN Alumni Association. You may send your luncheon reservation and other materials in the same mailing envelope, but please enclose only this ballot inside the BALLOT envelope. This protects the privacy of your vote.

DEADLINE FOR VOTING:

Ballots must be received on or before December 10, 2004, to be counted!

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Joycelyn Gondolfo Jeansonne '78 Charlotte Voinche Guinn '64

TREASURER

Ursula Allain '65 Judy Wellman Quigley '64

BOARD MEMBERS (Vote for Two)

**Susan Sommers Aultman '69 Charlene Berger '79
Karen Chabert '77 Suzanne Strahan '64
Rose-Mary Alexander White '72 Esther Wood '49**

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Vote for Two)

**Cheryl Crouse '78 Marilyn Hammett '78
Celeste Keller '74 Diane Landry Meaux '74**

After making your selection, please place this ballot in the enclosed "BALLOT" envelope.

Mail your ballot to:

CHSN Alumni Association, 450 South Claiborne Ave, New Orleans, LA 70112

Candidates Biographical Data

PRESIDENT-ELECT CANDIDATES

JOYCELYN GONDOLFO JEANSONNE '78

EDUCATION: Diploma, CHSN; MS;

Post-graduate MS, NNP.

Joycelyn has served CHSNAA as President, Secretary, and Board Member. She is a member of AACN, NANN, ANN, and Sigma Theta Tau. Joycelyn has been a guest lecturer at LSU-A and Louisiana College. She lives in Alexandria, LA.

CHARLOTTE VOINCHE GUINN '64

EDUCATION: Diploma, CHSN

Charlotte has served as president of the Iberia Parish Medical Auxillary. She is currently unemployed. Charlotte lives in Broussard, LA.

TREASURER CANDIDATES

URSULA ALLAIN '65

EDUCATION: Diploma, CHSN

Ursula has served CHSNAA as President, Board Member, Nominating Committee, and most recently as Treasurer. She is a member of AORN, and works part-time at Medical Center of Louisiana at New Orleans (Charity Hospital). She lives in Kenner, LA.

JUDY WELLMAN QUIGLEY '64

EDUCATION: Diploma, CHSN; BSN; MA Psychology

Judy served as Reunion Chairman for the 40th reunion of her CHSN class. She is currently employed at the University of California at Irvine and lives in Irvine, CA.

BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATES

SUSAN SOMMERS AULTMAN '69

EDUCATION: Diploma, CHSN; BSN; MA Ed;

MA Health Admin

Susan currently works in Home Health and lives in Lafayette, LA.

CHARLENE BERGER '79

EDUCATION: Diploma, CHSN

Charlene is a Field Clinical Trial Monitor for Hoffmann La-Roche Pharmaceuticals and is a member of the Association of Clinical Research Professionals. She resides in Kenner, LA.

KAREN CHABERT '77

EDUCATION: Diploma, CHSN

Karen is a Forensic Nurse and is currently the Continued Care Coordinator at the Medical Center of Louisiana at New Orleans (Charity Hospital) where she is responsible for all activities regarding death and terminal care. She is a member of the NODNA, the International Assoc. of Forensic Nurses, the

Louisiana State Coroner's Assoc., and the National Association of Independent Nurses. Karen has served CHSNAA as a Board Member, and presented the CE workshop at the June 2004 Alumni Breakfast.

SUZANNE STRAHAN '64

EDUCATION: Diploma, CHSN

Suzanne is a retired Nurse Manager from Southeast Louisiana Hospital.

ROSE-MARY ALEXANDER WHITE '72

EDUCATION: Diploma, CHSN; BSN; MSN

Rose-Mary has been treasurer for CHSNAA in the past. She is a member of ANS, LSNA, and Lambda Pi Alpha Sorority. She is currently employed in the DHH Health Standards Section as a Medical Certification Specialist.

ESTHER WOOD '49

EDUCATION: Diploma, CHSN

Esther has served CHSNAA as a Board Member. She is a member of ANA, LSNA and the New Orleans District Nurses Association. She has served on the boards of LSNA and NODNA. Esther is a retired administrator from Plaquemines Parish Health Dept. She lives in Belle Chasse, LA.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE CANDIDATES

CHERYL CROUSE '78

EDUCATION: Diploma, CHSN; BSN

Cheryl has served CHSNAA on the Nominating Committee. She works at the out-patient Eye Surgery Center, and is a member of the American Society of Ophthalmic Registered Nurses. She lives in Harvey, LA.

DIANE LANDRY MEAUX '74

EDUCATION: Diploma, CHSN

Diane is a member of LSNO, and is employed by the Plaquemines Parish School Board. She lives in Belle Chasse, LA.

CELESTE KEELER '74

EDUCATION: Diploma, CHSN

Celeste is the Clinical Coordinator at the Oncology Clinic at the Medical Center of Louisiana at New Orleans (Charity Hospital). She lives in Kenner, LA.

MARILYN HAMMETT '78

EDUCATION: Diploma, CHSN;

working on MSN in Case Management

Marilyn works for Jefferson Parish Schools as a School Nurse and in Home Health. She is a member of LSNA and lives in Metairie.

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